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STATISTICS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

METROPOLITAN AREA.

Population, at 31st December, 1941—Males, 107,000; Females, 123,000; Total, 230,000.

Area, at 31st December, 1941—191 square miles.

No. 1.—Population of Western Australia (exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals†) from 1938.

(For mean population of fiscal years, see Table No. 8.)

Period.	Estimated Population on last day of period. (a)			Increase during period. (b)	Masculinity. (c)	Mean Population. (a)
	Males.	Females.	Total.			
1938	243,559	218,902	462,461	5,350	111·26	459,977
1939	245,064	222,312	467,376	4,915	110·23	465,163
1940	244,137	224,174	468,311	935	108·91	468,005
1941	242,040	225,042	467,082	—1,229	107·55	467,992
1942	241,568	228,342	469,910	2,828	105·79	470,100
Quarters, 1943—						
First	241,497	228,862	470,359	449	105·52	470,135
Second	239,649	228,489	468,138	—2,221	104·88	469,249

† Estimated Full-blood Aboriginal Population in the State on 30th June, 1941—21,700.

(a) Unadjusted for arrivals and departures of military service personnel. (b) Minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

(c) Number of Males to each 100 Females.

No. 2.—Arrivals in and Departures from Western Australia from 1938. (a)

Period.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures. (b)		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1938	12,907	10,320	23,227	12,674	10,110	22,784	233	210	443
1939	11,494	9,701	21,195	11,974	9,006	20,980	—480	695	215
1940	8,505	5,780	14,285	11,233	6,752	17,985	—2,728	—972	—3,700
1941	7,750	4,737	12,487	12,067	6,908	19,065	—4,317	—2,261	—6,578
1942	6,745	4,697	11,442	8,381	4,174	12,555	—1,636	523	—1,113
Quarters, 1943—									
First	1,418	696	2,114	1,965	947	2,912	—547	—251	—798
Second	1,309	773	2,082	3,647	1,867	5,514	—2,338	—1,094	—3,432

(a) Figures for the war period relate to civilians only. (b) Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

No. 3.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths in Western Australia from 1938.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths. (Civilians only)			Excess of Births over Deaths.	Annual Birth, Death, and Marriage Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.			Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births.
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.		Birth Rate.	Death Rate.	Marriage Rate.	
1938	4,153	4,675	4,466	9,141	2,646	1,588	4,234	4,907	19·87	9·20	9·03	33·80
1939	4,195	4,649	4,387	9,036	2,664	1,672	4,336	4,700	19·43	9·32	9·02	40·84
1940	5,234	4,588	4,533	9,121	2,787	1,699	4,486	4,635	19·49	9·59	11·18	44·18
1941	5,074	5,108	5,010	10,118	2,888	1,881	4,769	5,349	21·62	10·19	10·84	35·28
1942	5,441	5,019	4,882	9,901	2,973	2,103	5,076	4,825	21·06	10·80	11·57	36·76
Quarters, 1943—												
First	1,345	1,222	1,194	2,416	595	423	1,018	1,398	20·84	8·78	11·60	38·91
Second	1,126	1,267	1,176	2,443	686	454	1,140	1,303	20·88	9·74	9·62	31·52

II.—CENSUS OF 1933.

NOTE.—All population figures are exclusive of full-blood aboriginals.

No. 4.—Summary of Population and Dwellings of Local Government Areas in Western Australia on 30th June, 1933.

Local Government Areas.	Population.			Dwellings.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Occupied.	Unoccupied.	Total.
Urban—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Metropolitan:						
Municipalities	67,983	75,593	143,576	32,425	942	33,367
Road Districts	31,305	32,559	63,864	15,288	740	16,028
Total, Metropolitan	99,288	108,152	207,440	47,713	1,682	49,395
Provincial:						
Municipalities	23,060	21,745	44,805	10,187	296	10,483
Rural—						
Road Districts	108,732	74,677	183,409	45,678	2,311	47,989
Migratory	2,857	341	3,198	...	...	...
Total, Census, 30-6-33	233,937	204,915	438,852	103,578	*4,289	*107,867
Total, Census, 4-4-21 ...	177,278	155,454	332,732	73,550	*3,563	*77,113

* Including 280 dwellings in course of construction in 1933 and 289 in 1921.

III.—FINANCE.

No. 5.—State Revenue, July to December, 1943.

Particulars.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	6 months ended Dec., 1943.	Particulars.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	6 months ended Dec., 1943.
GOVERNMENTAL.	£	£	£	£	PUBLIC UTILITIES.	£	£	£	£
<i>Taxation.</i>					Bunbury Harb. Bd.	...	...	...	...
Income Tax—Commonwealth Reimbursement	143,000	127,000	109,000	369,000	Fmle. Harb. Trust	20,999	13,999	14,000	97,996
Entertainment Tax—Commonwealth Reimbursement....	8,182	8,182	8,182	49,093	Goldf. Water Supply	16,714	15,189	22,908	99,734
Land Tax	2,665	9,126	24,927	45,133	Kalgoorlie Abattoirs	580	333	553	2,696
Totalisator Tax	4,414	9,922	9,112	48,554	Met. Abattoirs and Saleyards	5,616	7,271	6,796	41,426
Stamp Duty	22,015	19,969	19,245	115,215	Met. Water Supply and Sewerage	44,853	101,534	34,364	371,258
Probate Duty	6,226	16,800	16,771	114,722	Other Hydraulic Undertakings	6,219	7,499	5,691	35,055
Amusement Tax	1	...	...	3	Railways	369,400	363,513	371,145	2,184,698
Licenses	1,422	2,279	25,923	51,934	Tramways	39,978	42,325	45,486	251,512
Total	187,925	193,278	213,160	1,293,654	Electricity Supply	47,744	46,228	43,529	276,804
<i>Territorial.</i>					State Ferries	863	951	1,129	5,431
Land	7,768	11,357	9,961	89,296	State Batteries	3,883	2,533	2,585	16,980
Mining	1,733	675	809	8,556	Caves House	1,057	1,125	1,053	6,252
Timber	9,892	13,116	11,911	69,681	Total	557,906	602,500	549,239	3,389,842
Total	19,393	25,148	22,681	167,533	STATE TRADING CONCERNS.				
<i>Law Courts</i>	3,882	4,449	4,251	24,543	Profits Recovered ... ..	...	5,000	10,000	30,000
Depart'l Reimbursements, Fees, etc.	82,291	113,031	173,784	620,158	Recoup of Dep'mt'l Charges, Interest, etc.	3,162	4,201	23,385	32,479
Royal Mint	6,000	6,000	10,040	40,064	Total	3,162	9,201	33,385	62,479
Total	92,173	123,480	188,075	684,765	GRAND TOTAL	983,345	1,063,893	1,116,826	6,259,991
<i>Commonwealth.</i>									
States Grants Acts	83,333	70,833	70,833	425,000					
Interest Contributions	39,453	39,453	39,453	236,718					
Total (Commonwealth)	122,786	110,286	110,286	661,718					
Total (Governmental)	422,277	452,192	534,202	2,807,670					

No. 8.—Summary of State Revenue, 1st July, 1938, to 31st December, 1943.

Period.	Collected by the State.					From Common- wealth Funds.	Total State Revenue.	Mean Population.	Revenue per head of Popu- lation.
	Taxation.	Land, Timber, and Mining.	Business Concerns.		Other Sources.				
			Railways and Tramways.	Other.					
1938-39	£ 2,864,223	£ 316,772	£ 3,888,367	£ 1,820,802	£ 1,016,064	£ 1,043,432	£ 10,949,660	No. 462,671	£ 23·666
1939-40	2,996,054	316,205	3,802,385	1,837,580	1,099,287	1,068,432	11,119,943	467,055	23·809
1940-41	3,127,604	318,828	3,908,540	1,853,800	1,099,864	1,123,432	11,432,068	468,427	24·405
1941-42	3,111,250	309,819	4,301,502	1,865,230	1,248,916	1,103,432	11,940,149	468,588	25·481
1942-43	3,317,678	317,034	4,916,122	1,949,613	1,377,799	1,273,432	13,151,678	470,197	27·971
1943-44—									
Sept. Qr.	699,288	100,310	1,204,362	492,571	281,037	318,359	3,095,927	(a)	(a)
Dec. Qr.	594,363	67,222	1,231,797	523,596	403,728	343,358	3,164,064	(a)	(a)

(a) Not available.

No. 9.—Summary of State Expenditure, from 1st July, 1938, to 31st December, 1943.

Period	Interest and Sinking Funds, Public Debt.	Lands, Surveys, Forests, and Mines.	Business Concerns.		Education.	All other.	Total State Expenditure.	Per head of Population.
			Railways and Tramways.	Other.				
1938-39	£ 3,889,405	£ 277,576	£ 3,156,248	£ 778,661	£ 757,051	£ 2,311,161	£ 11,170,102	£ 24.143
1939-40	4,010,319	275,005	3,057,687	780,628	772,656	2,370,473	11,266,768	24.123
1940-41	4,057,143	270,042	2,993,916	778,090	784,009	2,537,757	11,420,957	24.382
1941-42	4,101,921	258,340	3,300,168	842,798	831,095	2,604,059	11,938,381	25.477
1942-43	4,091,655	285,276	3,837,572	852,784	813,439	3,246,516	13,127,242	27.919
1943-44—								
September Quarter....	1,038,256	88,112	964,917	216,400	223,875	806,637	3,338,197	(a)
December Quarter	1,035,996	79,173	1,008,616	228,407	226,083	721,235	3,299,510	(a)

(a) Not available.

No. 10.—Public Debt, 1939 to 1943 ; also Indebtedness per head of Estimated Population.

Date.	Amount Maturing.				Average nominal interest payable.	Accrued Sinking Fund on 30th June	Net Indebtedness (Approximate).	
	London.	New York.	Australia.	Total.			Amount.	Per head of Population.
30th June—	£	£	£	£	%	£	£	£
1939	43,982,761	2,015,436	49,474,404	95,472,601	3.68	359,656	95,112,945	204.355
1940	43,953,693	2,015,436	50,261,270	96,230,399	3.67	303,976	95,926,423	205.035
1941	43,889,767	2,015,436	51,886,521	97,791,724	3.65	573,576	97,218,148	207.368
1942	43,863,754	2,015,436	51,480,055	97,359,245	3.62	267,426	97,091,819	206.407
1943	43,836,822	2,015,436	51,135,948	96,988,206	3.61	173,515	96,814,691	206.808

No. 11.—Commonwealth Savings Bank Transactions in Western Australia from 1st July, 1936.

Period.	Amount deposited during period. (a)	Amount withdrawn during period. (a)	Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals.	Interest.	Number of Accounts.			Due to Depositors (at end of Period).		
					Opened.	Closed.	Remaining open. (Operative).§	Total Amount.	Average to credit of each account.	Average per head of population.
1936-37 ...	£ 9,716,932	£ 9,425,588	£ 418,440	£ 213,357	No. 39,648	No. 31,391	No. 217,247	£ 11,834,794	£ 54.476	£ 28.055
1937-38 ...	10,004,537	9,852,218	152,319	219,138	41,518	33,647	225,113	12,037,486	53.472	28.159
1938-39 ...	10,602,936	10,285,055	317,881	224,773	41,882	34,436	232,564	12,396,191	53.302	28.634
1939-40 ...	10,039,271	10,641,171	£601,900	229,545	37,402	36,317	233,649	11,860,151	50.761	25.350
1940-41 ...	10,193,000	9,657,739	535,261	226,291	40,234	35,063	238,820	12,521,159	52.429	26.708
Sep. Qr., 1941(b)	3,091,943	2,508,393	583,550	†512	13,239	7,214	244,845	13,085,503	53.444	28.002

(a) Exclusive of transfers from and to other States of the Commonwealth. (b) Later figures are not available for publication. † Interest on accounts closed during period. ‡ Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits. § At end of period.

No. 12.—Bank Clearings—Weekly Averages for Perth during the undermentioned periods :—

Year.	Quarter Ended				Year.
	March.	June.	September.	December.	
	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)
1933	1,672	1,354	1,382	1,735	1,528
1934	1,735	1,487	1,538	1,749	1,622
1935	1,827	1,753	1,719	1,960	1,815
1936	2,045	1,745	1,811	2,130	1,947
1937	2,048	1,913	1,851	2,206	2,011
1938	2,302	1,999	1,905	2,199	2,092
1939	2,168	1,982	1,894	2,192	2,059
1940	2,549	2,203	2,126	2,322	2,293
1941	2,331	2,147	2,109	2,350	2,234
1942	2,692	2,201	2,216	2,488	2,398
1943	2,732	2,530	2,547	2,741	2,638

No. 13.—Averages from 1939 of the Weekly Statements of Liabilities and Assets of the Cheque-paying Banks (formerly Banks of Issue) operating in Western Australia.

Period.		No. of Banks.	Liabilities.						
			Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Average Liabilities.
						Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.	
			£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939	....	8	20,621	237,135	1,196,526	8,498,772	11,697,587	20,196,359	21,650,641
1940	....	8	20,618	275,425	1,793,715	9,122,975	13,233,314	22,356,289	24,446,047
1941	....	8	20,613	303,377	1,520,773	10,020,294	14,725,565	24,745,859	26,590,622
1942	....	8	20,608	315,798	1,536,833	13,219,505	14,408,519	27,628,024	29,501,263
1943	....	8	20,602	288,077	1,577,967	17,157,059	16,787,719	33,944,788	35,831,424
Quarters, 1943—									
First	....	8	20,604	316,989	1,792,544	16,327,248	15,556,776	31,884,024	34,014,161
Second	....	8	20,601	298,189	1,224,022	16,430,682	17,518,528	33,949,210	35,492,022
Third	....	8	20,601	246,784	1,604,991	17,951,029	17,883,117	35,834,146	37,706,522
Fourth	....	8	20,602	290,347	1,690,309	17,919,279	16,192,454	34,111,733	36,112,991

Period.	Assets.								
	Coined Gold, Silver, and other Metals.	Gold and Silver in Bullion and Bars.	Government, Municipal, and Public Securities. (a)	Landed Property and Bank Premises.	Australian Notes. (b)	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills discounted, and other Debts.	Total Average Assets.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939	225,879	694,112	4,383,318	685,362	2,208,369	116,920	47,499	24,269,495	32,630,954
1940	195,829	582,265	2,905,087	717,911	2,662,703	138,010	295,854	23,045,812	30,543,471
1941	189,682	616,419	3,913,617	694,805	2,333,994	148,604	500,139	22,596,521	30,993,781
1942	192,016	944,646	5,496,819	666,529	2,368,151	203,883	380,239	20,333,747	30,586,030
1943	412,724	675,223	8,121,663	651,888	2,395,965	305,028	72,766	17,709,300	30,344,557
Qtrs., 1943—									
First	331,944	674,252	5,496,663	659,618	2,650,076	283,186	63,560	18,207,072	28,366,371
Second	393,698	698,818	7,804,355	655,277	2,001,770	267,949	68,031	17,822,620	29,712,518
Third	452,318	681,335	10,035,125	651,790	2,360,605	251,843	61,889	17,482,011	32,006,916
Fourth	472,935	646,485	9,150,509	640,869	2,571,409	387,134	97,586	17,325,496	31,292,423

(a) Includes Treasury Bills.

(b) Including cash with Commonwealth Bank.

No. 14—Real Estate Transactions from 1st July, 1933.
(Registrations at Land Titles Office.)

Period.	Transfers.		Mortgages.		Discharges of Mortgages.
	No.	£	No.	£	No.
1933-34	8,057	2,957,459	6,142	3,913,715	3,957
1934-35	8,960	3,552,924	6,511	4,220,621	4,823
1935-36	9,885	3,454,347	7,182	3,674,407	4,800
1936-37	10,311	4,068,073	6,986	4,605,031	4,780
1937-38	11,496	4,191,038	7,610	5,186,790	5,751
1938-39	11,457	4,131,699	7,876	5,107,100	5,583
1939-40	10,130	3,553,373	6,323	3,950,514	5,242
1940-41	9,296	3,232,514	5,238	3,300,766	4,991
1941-42	8,326	3,083,755	4,001	2,590,213	4,932
1942-43	5,724	2,551,265	1,936	1,013,406	5,028
1943-44—					
September Quarter	1,934	800,629	564	401,238	1,478
December Quarter	1,822	717,583	530	395,993	1,416
Month—					
October	670	267,483	190	164,957	500
November	550	220,806	182	106,729	477
December	602	229,294	158	124,307	439

IV.—SHIPPING.

PARTICULARS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLICATION.

V.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE COLLECTIONS.

No. 15.—Gross Customs, Excise, and other Collections in Western Australia during the undermentioned Periods.

Stations.	Year ended 30th June, 1943.				6 Months ended 31st December, 1943.			
	Customs.	Excise.	Other.	Total.	Customs.	Excise.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fremantle }								
Perth }	792,625	2,733,676	249,688	3,775,989	388,317	1,575,408	338,661	2,302,386
Albany }	91	245	100	436	16,774	187	11	16,972
Broome }								
Bunbury }	31	572	250	853	192	262	190	644
Busselton }								
Carnarvon }	1		5	6	1			1
Derby }								
Esperance }	1,985		1	1,986	421		126	547
Geraldton }	58,402	49,810	174	108,386	19,822	19,633	109	39,564
Onslow }			2	2	1		1	2
Point Samson }								
Port Hedland }								
Wyndham }								
Total	853,135	2,784,303	250,220	3,887,658	425,528	1,595,490	339,098	2,360,116

VI.—TRADE.

PARTICULARS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLICATION.

VII.—LAND SETTLEMENT.

No. 16.—Land Settlement as on the 31st December, 1943.

Particulars.	Area.	Area.
I.—ABSOLUTELY ALIENATED:— Area sold by public auction or other forms of direct sale or otherwise alienated up to 31st December, 1943	acres.	acres.
.....	.....	18,779,522
II.—IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1943— Midland Railway Concessions in process of alienation	54,800	
Free Homestead Farms	548,373	
Conditional Purchase	5,136,069	
Selections from late W.A. Land Company	5,297	
Selections under the Agricultural Lands Purchase Act	452,858	
Homestead or Grazing Leases	6,606,497	
Poison Land Leases and Licenses	14,742	
Town and Suburban Lots	2,561	
		12,821,197
Total area alienated or in process of alienation on the 31st December, 1943	.....	31,600,719
III.—LEASES OR LICENSES IN FORCE ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1943— Issued by Lands Department: Pastoral Leases	206,711,873	
Special Leases	972,179	
Leases of Reserves	1,286,342	
Residential Lots	5,211	
Issued by Mines Department: Gold Mining Leases †	21,161	
Mineral Leases	38,438	
Miners' Homestead Leases	30,395	
Issued by Forests Department: Timber Permits (a)	2,638,820	
		211,704,419
IV.—AREA NEITHER ALIENATED, IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, NOR LEASED	.....	381,283,662
Total Area of Western Australia	.....	624,583,800

† Exclusive of 72 acres on "Private Property." (a) Includes certain firewood permits amounting to 21,281 acres, and Permits for cutting Wandoo for tanning purposes, amounting to 139,500 acres, but excludes Permits and Licenses for cutting timber and firewood in Goldfields areas.

No. 17.—Principal Crown Lands Transactions.—Area of Crown Lands for which Applications have been approved by the Lands Department from 1939.

Period.			Conditional Alienation.					Leases and Licenses.				
			Condi- tional Pur- chases.	Free Home- stead Farms.	Grazing Leases.	Sele- ctions, Land Purchase Act.	Town Lots.	Total.	Pastoral Leases and Licenses.	Special Leases.	Miscel- laneous Leases.	Total.
1939	....	....	acres. 368,126	acres. 22,779	....	acres. 48,508	acres. 663	acres. 440,076	acres. 3,913,104	acres. 51,876	acres. 46,180	acres. 4,011,160
1940	....	....	256,377	19,129	....	13,819	637	289,962	2,664,421	118,444	120,655	2,903,520
1941	....	....	263,441	9,415	....	21,124	470	294,450	2,904,329	176,408	15,707	3,096,444
1942	....	....	117,107	5,941	....	2,509	277	125,834	1,786,421	163,719	27,240	1,977,380
1943	....	....	137,066	3,080	....	5,761	389	146,296	903,160	20,058	16,531	939,749
Mar. Qr.	....	....	26,418	400	....	....	104	26,922	40,000	273	1,092	41,365
June Qr.	....	....	22,339	1,384	....	3,254	90	27,067	358,279	9,998	8,684	376,961
Sept. Qr.	....	....	58,526	1,296	....	1,145	123	61,090	157,881	5,595	6,062	169,538
Dec. Qr.	....	....	29,783	....	....	1,362	72	31,217	347,000	4,192	693	351,885

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

No. 18.—Estimated Gross† Value of Western Australian Production, 1932–33 to 1941–42.
(Calculated principally on F.O.B. and Metropolitan Market Prices as to Primary Industries, and Value at door of Factory as to Manufactured Output.)

Year.	Agricultural. †	Pastoral and Trapping.	Dairy, Poultry, and Bee Farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining and Quarrying.	Manufacturing Output.
1932–33	£	£	£	£	£	£
1932–33	10,247,311	4,028,270	1,669,074	806,487	\$4,845,554	12,327,548
1933–34	9,511,096	6,684,416	1,657,318	1,026,911	5,303,171	12,877,288
1934–35	8,167,869	4,727,974	1,963,338	1,386,319	5,969,261	14,641,680
1935–36	8,522,423	6,319,427	1,948,386	1,512,685	6,201,012	17,528,741
1936–37	9,435,736	5,718,359	2,084,770	1,748,124	7,913,659	18,313,122
1937–38	10,535,740	5,069,745	2,246,941	1,774,766	9,422,688	19,643,960
1938–39	8,538,688	4,728,565	2,358,189	1,730,017	11,102,334	19,548,511
1939–40	11,104,917	5,800,989	2,427,580	1,610,767	12,517,427	20,307,286
1940–41	7,169,078	5,850,496	2,614,995	1,849,722	13,352,883	21,824,974
1941–42	9,285,605	6,116,767	2,979,965	1,714,646	12,421,208	23,952,820

† As "Gross" value includes Transport and Marketing Costs, Goods Consumed in the process of Production and Raw Material, etc., used, such values should not be aggregated in order to obtain the Total Value of Production.
† Includes £436,145 Bonus on Wheat production 1932–33, £639,493 in 1933–34; £735,580 in 1934–35; £231,250 in 1935–36; and £641,051 in 1938–39. \$ Includes £86,928 Bonus on Gold production.

IX.—GOLD MINING STATISTICS.

No. 19.—Gold Production of Western Australia from 1886, also amounts of Dividends paid.

Period.	Production of Gold.				Dividends Paid by Mining Companies.
	Quantity.			Value (a).	
	Exported Direct.	Received at Perth Mint.	Total.		
	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	£	£
Prior to 1939	11,251,090	33,122,249	44,373,339	215,419,061	35,786,628
1939	98,741	1,115,497	1,214,238	11,842,964	1,618,974
1940	(b)	(b)	1,191,481	12,696,503	1,180,557
1941	(b)	(b)	1,109,318	11,851,445	890,032
1942	(b)	(b)	848,180	8,865,495	423,712
1943	(b)	(b)	546,576	5,710,669	597,546
From 1886 to 31st December, 1943	(b)	(b)	49,283,132	266,386,137	40,437,449
1943—					
January	}	(b)	53,765	561,842	144,661
February			48,032	501,934	
March			44,619	466,271	*129,230
April			46,022	480,931	
May			43,667	456,317	22,482
June			40,772	426,064	*81,000
July			46,757	488,612	23,863
August			40,586	424,125	32,500
September			60,876	636,156	*96,500
October			41,554	433,192	19,792
November.....			39,943	417,404	22,482
December			39,983	417,821	25,036
Total, twelve months ended December	(b)	(b)	546,576	5,710,669	597,546

(a) Australian currency, including premium.

(b) Not available for publication.

* Revised.

No. 20.—Monthly Gold Production of Western Australia, from 1939.

Month.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.
January	91,039	98,866	95,978	75,482	53,765
February	85,930	96,337	83,318	68,391	48,032
March	98,354	101,250	85,284	75,458	44,619
April	94,376	99,454	90,531	79,253	46,022
May	103,394	101,518	91,438	75,343	43,667
June	96,132	100,131	83,502	65,225	40,772
July	98,314	92,369	89,306	83,516	46,757
August	107,791	98,943	96,664	63,889	40,586
September	136,286	96,589	88,878	61,724	60,876
October	90,893	125,278	123,315	58,833	41,554
November	103,211	94,203	87,076	57,495	39,943
December	108,518	86,543	94,028	53,571	39,983
Total	1,214,238	1,191,481	1,109,318	848,180	546,576

X.—LIVE STOCK AND WOOL-CLIP.

No. 21.—Number of Live Stock in Western Australia on the 31st December, 1937 to 1942, and Wool Production during each Year.

Year.	Horses.	Cattle.			Sheep.	Pigs.	Wool Clip.	Wool Exported on Skins (Estimated).
		Dairy Cows.	Other Cattle.	Total.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	lbs.	lbs.
1937	151,067	124,278	615,963	740,241	8,732,076	64,598	64,739,400	5,945,455
1938	143,679	128,725	638,955	767,680	9,177,531	82,922	72,475,000	6,327,143
1939	139,207	130,388	668,787	799,175	9,574,433	149,604	75,400,000	5,257,367
1940	130,057	131,379	657,549	788,928	9,516,272	217,910	69,427,000	(a)
1941	124,402	144,509	695,222	839,731	9,722,780	163,196	74,985,000	(a)
1942†	(b)112,782	(c)226,688	(d)604,543	831,231	10,424,385	151,958	92,697,000	(a)

† Figures as at 31st March, 1943.

(a) Not available for publication.

(b) Number on Rural Holdings.

(c) Total

Dairy Cattle.

(d) Total Beef Cattle.

XI.—AGRICULTURE.

No. 22.—Cropping, Clearing, etc., 1938-39 to 1942-43.

Season.	Land Cropped, Cleared, etc.						
	Under Crop. (a)	Under artificially sown pasture.	Newly cleared and prepared for next season.	In fallow.	Other, previously cropped, now used for grazing, etc.	Ringbarked or partially cleared.	Total.
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1938-39	4,683,333	908,032	200,836	2,927,090	5,541,004	1,592,634	15,852,929
1939-40	4,286,935	1,085,084	152,072	2,603,178	6,418,535	1,566,267	16,112,071
1940-41	3,988,308	1,192,957	130,790	2,283,660	6,845,822	1,459,744	15,931,281
1941-42	3,816,522	1,265,950	74,585	2,271,766	7,191,587	1,464,641	16,085,051
1942-43	2,782,514	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Excludes Meadow Hay. (b) Not available.

No. 23.—Areas under various kinds of Crops in Western Australia, 1938-39 to 1943-44.

Season.	Principal Grain Crops.			Hay (all kinds).	Potatoes.	Tobacco.	Tomatoes.	Orchards.	Vineyards.	Other Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.							
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1938-39	3,412,818	426,110	74,928	408,276	5,355	908	841	22,029	8,368	361,712
1939-40	2,970,411	452,764	82,721	395,639	5,676	1,019	974	22,155	8,609	393,483
1940-41	2,625,401	429,177	65,623	418,486	6,118	1,313	845	21,905	8,841	449,260
1941-42	2,653,419	407,259	68,388	325,266	4,643	1,288	840	21,593	9,011	360,225
1942-43	1,753,178	342,309	49,502	253,150	6,899	1,347	863	21,266	10,124	376,490
1943-44 †	1,430,000	400,000	....	\$245,000	....	....	....	....	....	....

† Forecast. § Wheat and Oaten Hay.

No. 24.—Yield of Principal Crops, 1938-39 to 1943-44.

Season.	Principal Grain Crops.			Hay (all kinds).	Potatoes.	Tobacco.	Tomatoes.	Apples.	Dried Vine Fruits (Currants, Raisins, etc.).	Wine. * (a)
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.							
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	cwt.	tons.	bushels.	tons.	gallons.
1938-39	36,843,600	4,668,036	946,287	437,809	26,532	6,846	7,526	1,797,490	3,499	438,894
1939-40	40,861,000	5,315,292	971,373	475,677	30,761	6,359	7,950	1,118,404	3,701	335,978
1940-41	21,060,000	3,250,314	725,352	375,143	31,487	8,786	8,828	61,905,172	2,954	469,795
1941-42	37,500,000	5,325,456	959,364	414,115	25,329	9,765	9,835	61,100,000	2,890	410,262
1942-43	20,600,000	3,611,991	533,430	277,957	32,246	(c) 10,200	4,945	61,613,492	(c) 3,003	(d)
1943-44 †	16,000,000	4,640,000	....	\$253,000	....	....	....	....	....	....

(a) Includes Distillation Wine. (b) Represents Measured Crops plus deliveries of Unmeasured Crops.

(c) Preliminary. (d) Not yet available. † Forecast. § Wheat and Oaten.

No. 25.—Average Yield per Acre of Principal Crops 1938-39 to 1943-44.

Season.	Principal Grain Crops.			Hay (all kinds).	Potatoes.	Tobacco.	Tomatoes.	Apples.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.					
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	cwt.	tons.	bushels.
1938-39	10.80	10.96	12.63	1.07	4.96	7.6	8.9	176.2
1939-40	13.76	11.74	11.74	1.20	5.42	6.2	8.2	108.0
1940-41	8.02	7.57	11.05	0.90	5.15	6.7	10.5	176.9
1941-42	14.13	13.08	14.03	1.27	5.46	7.6	11.7	100.3
1942-43	11.75	10.55	10.78	1.10	5.04	(a) 7.6	5.7	(a) 148.7
1943-44 †	11.19	11.60	....	\$1.03	....	....	....	....

(a) Preliminary. † Forecast. § Wheat and Oaten.

XII.—INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

(Exclusive of Mines.)

No. 26.—Output (Quantities) of the Principal Commodities Produced or Treated in Factories,
1936-37 to 1941-42.

Commodity.	Unit.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
Aerated Waters	doz.	854,739	835,857	925,776	921,185	914,775	1,002,548
Bacon and Ham †	lb.	4,347,813	4,355,942	4,212,970	4,641,725	5,125,751	6,112,282
†Including quantities made from "Green"							
Bacon and Ham)	lb.	(363,097)	(505,498)	(188,174)	(67,149)	(41,253)	(65,307)
Bark—Ground	ton	2,122	2,172	2,199	2,569	1,190	833
Beer and Stout	gal.	6,675,676	6,792,000	7,268,503	8,009,482	8,161,804	8,384,387
Blankets, Rugs, and Shawls	No.	14,475	14,224	12,392	8,179	15,351	11,780
Boots and Shoes	pair	395,126	375,944	358,603	361,103	349,102	476,907
Bran	ton	34,049	32,591	34,467	34,372	35,006	31,342
Bricks	No.	54,272,812	58,077,685	53,843,857	44,344,478	46,001,893	34,872,849
Butter	lb.	10,641,749	13,702,317	14,654,760	14,002,180	14,228,889	15,658,898
Cheese	lb.	1,009,909	883,619	977,092	842,831	950,649	1,298,855
Cigars	lb.	14,951	14,750	17,245	17,150	15,654	15,682
Cigarettes	lb.	17,645	21,489	25,117	27,019	48,608	117,440
Cigarette Papers	1,000 leaves	555,192	605,664	706,608	802,528	538,752	420,655
Confectionery	lb.	5,457,213	5,895,765	6,154,515	6,194,569	7,107,557	7,153,256
Electricity—Light and Power (a)	Brit. Unit.	223,498,979	250,368,016	277,517,226	306,308,244	320,521,731	313,691,472
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	sq. yd.	1,083,682	952,501	881,649	784,241	832,908	494,296
Flannel	sq. yd.	5,987	8,283	9,677	8,010	7,768	5,973
Flour—Ordinary	ton	122,723	125,472	137,553	140,849	149,925	135,338
Flour—Self-raising	lb.	7,993,159	7,811,928	8,667,900	8,468,992	8,617,448	8,702,736
Gas (a)	1,000 cub. ft.	451,071	488,709	508,046	526,001	566,919	641,017
Gas Producers (allkinds)	No.	(c)	(c)	(c)	922	1,102	1,989
Hosiery	pair	135,132	8,604	10,236	10,356	238,800	317,892
Ice	ton	32,401	27,692	27,625	27,497	25,633	23,670
Jams and Jellies	lb.	775,136	965,046	1,062,987	1,276,913	1,228,289	1,346,554
Leather	lb.	1,828,530	1,888,248	1,693,723	2,409,637	2,418,337	3,497,392
Lime (all kinds)	ton	14,248	20,467	17,551	16,264	17,376	11,630
Malt-Barley	bus.	203,496	262,234	236,393	244,611	266,886	245,200
Margarine	lb.	(c)	(c)	125,070	271,206	845,004	278,710
Meat—Frozen, Pre- served, etc. (b)	lb.	12,847,608	16,764,422	18,304,749	16,293,995	16,483,204	11,820,421
Perambulators	No.	1,547	1,893	1,455	1,330	1,367	1,499
Pickles	pint	207,368	186,016	236,778	270,415	164,642	218,464
Pollard	ton	17,993	20,544	23,745	25,766	28,571	25,739
Salt—Refined, Crushed or Washed	ton	3,670	3,791	3,413	4,248	2,892	3,688
Sauce	pint	702,900	678,329	841,686	763,942	814,849	876,758
Slippers	pair	175,861	231,377	270,249	405,571	367,864	436,747
Soap	cwt.	(c)	48,439	49,740	49,230	49,200	58,310
Sugar—Refined	ton	15,720	16,856	17,708	17,342	19,115	19,565
Superphosphate	ton	264,457	279,685	298,180	238,683	206,161	156,791
Tallow	cwt.	22,166	29,134	30,420	29,571	35,023	57,250
Tiles (Roofing, all kinds)	No.	4,592,265	5,394,478	3,857,834	4,411,769	4,503,783	2,105,754
Timber (Native)—Sawn and Hewn †	super ft.	175,758,234	176,663,073	161,063,429	152,452,765	146,846,441	146,012,537
(†Including quantities produced in Agencies other than Saw- mills)	super ft.	(45,116,868)	(46,775,418)	(35,862,540)	(34,844,172)	(31,659,666)	(26,295,114)
Tobacco	lb.	278,891	253,123	240,388	283,628	267,005	196,818
Tweed and Cloth	sq. yd.	193,943	175,255	193,252	230,236	282,713	313,150
Tyres Retreaded	No.	17,245	22,607	24,149	22,969	19,082	22,152
Vinegar (including Bulk)	pint	1,088,768	1,504,400	1,389,032	1,353,880	1,244,504	1,332,208
Wine §	gal.	148,157	177,932	167,645	153,586	187,497	178,344
(§Excluding quantities of Distillation Wine)	gal.	(88,073)	(101,773)	(140,051)	(70,878)	(150,501)	(89,940)
Wool—Scoured	lb.	2,488,895	2,993,492	3,688,615	5,421,908	8,524,389	5,973,413

(a) Distributed.

(b) In the case of frozen and chilled meat, figures relate to the Calendar Years 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941 respectively.

(c) Particulars not available.

No. 27.—Summary of Factories, according to Industrial Classes, 1941-42.

Note—Figures for the transmission and distribution sections of Electricity Supply undertakings are included for years prior to 1940-41.

Class of Industry.	Factories.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.	Workers. (a)	Salaries and Wages. (a)	Output.	Net Production.
	No.	£	£	No.	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-Metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	48	83,298	117,937	596	138,368	512,464	248,700
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.	26	95,242	114,669	497	112,830	278,814	165,156
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, and Grease	38	686,872	864,582	925	243,708	1,950,030	557,301
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements, and Conveyances	538	1,934,324	1,047,154	7,779	2,189,343	5,506,875	3,221,552
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	23	28,755	3,609	78	20,429	38,005	25,114
VI. Textile and Textile Goods (not Dress)	20	94,871	96,446	778	140,155	580,623	206,090
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	28	112,872	73,623	490	113,171	499,333	209,560
VIII. Clothing	217	456,105	117,154	3,104	461,674	1,382,459	639,301
IX. Food, Drink, and Tobacco	435	2,040,202	1,617,747	4,145	1,019,756	8,168,435	2,363,966
X. Wood-working and Basketware	198	279,084	437,917	2,435	605,824	1,808,055	899,053
XI. Furniture, Bedding, etc.	90	135,546	39,222	659	153,664	486,660	225,329
XII. Stationery, Paper, Printing, Bookbinding, etc.	118	537,101	281,989	1,408	340,617	979,644	605,722
XIII. Rubber	19	39,765	9,434	76	16,361	63,049	33,852
XIV. Musical Instruments	3	6,710	475	23	5,645	7,709	6,970
XV. Miscellaneous Products	24	49,140	16,287	272	47,127	122,694	73,141
XVI. Heat, Light, and Power	113	513,363	2,471,315	715	239,589	1,567,086	619,724
Total 1941-42	1,938	7,093,250	7,309,560	23,980	5,848,261	23,952,034	10,100,531
TOTAL, 1940-41	2,056	6,802,488	7,397,656	22,734	5,069,791	21,824,974	9,016,922
TOTAL, 1939-40	2,129	6,863,468	8,025,068	22,825	4,941,027	20,307,286	9,027,728
TOTAL, 1938-39	2,129	6,813,653	8,095,064	23,211	4,922,858	19,548,511	8,775,586
TOTAL, 1937-38	2,066	6,471,367	7,459,525	23,133	4,740,097	19,643,960	8,562,294

(a) Including Working Proprietors.

No. 28.—Employment in Age Groups, as at 15th June, 1942.

(Exclusive of Working Proprietors.)

Class of Industry.	Under 16 Years.	16 Years.	17 Years.	18 Years.	19 Years.	20 Years.	21 to 25 Years.	Over 25 Years.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
I. Treatment of Non-Metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	7	21	14	11	3	5	28	330	419
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.	12	11	20	3	9	3	14	247	319
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, and Grease	61	68	69	35	33	28	42	581	917
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements, and Conveyances	358	458	399	299	165	145	614	5,917	8,355
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	6	4	4	1	1	2	4	30	52
VI. Textile and Textile Goods (not Dress)	48	52	79	60	57	30	81	409	816
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	34	46	30	20	12	11	33	286	472
VIII. Clothing	275	315	296	222	196	158	510	922	2,894
IX. Food, Drink, and Tobacco	210	289	308	198	130	102	284	2,465	3,986
X. Wood-working and Basketware	89	78	68	63	44	36	92	1,854	2,324
XI. Furniture, Bedding, etc.	53	39	39	29	13	11	32	252	468
XII. Stationery, Paper, Printing, Bookbinding, etc.	128	86	76	49	42	44	88	710	1,223
XIII. Rubber	8	9	5	3	3	...	4	25	57
XIV. Musical Instruments	4	1	1	...	...	1	...	14	21
XV. Miscellaneous Products	32	20	16	18	3	10	12	166	277
XVI. Heat, Light, and Power	11	10	15	9	2	6	6	632	691
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1,336	1,507	1,439	1,020	713	592	1,844	14,840	23,291

XIII.—RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

No. 29.—Average Retail Prices* of Food and Groceries—Metropolitan Area.

Commodity.	Unit.	1942.				1943.			
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Quarter ended Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Quarter ended Dec.
GROCERIES.									
Bread	2 lb.	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00
Flour—Ordinary	"	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00
Self-raising	"	7-95	7-95	7-95	7-95	8-00	7-95	7-95	7-97
Tea	lb.	41-00	41-00	41-00	41-00	27-00	27-00	27-00	27-00
Sugar	"	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00
Rice †	"	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00
Sago †	"	7-00	7-00	7-00	7-00	7-00	7-00	7-00	7-00
Jam—Plum	1½ lb. tin	11-00	11-05	11-05	11-03	11-25	11-05	11-00	11-10
Golden Syrup	2 lb. tin	7-75	7-75	7-75	7-75	7-88	7-94	7-95	7-92
Oats—Flaked	lb.	4-06	4-06	4-06	4-06	4-06	4-07	4-07	4-07
Raisins	"	11-61	11-61	11-60	11-61	12-00	12-11	12-60	12-24
Currants	"	9-94	9-94	10-17	10-02	10-22	10-28	10-30	10-27
Apricots—Dried †	"	18-00	18-00	18-00	18-00	18-00	18-00	18-00	18-00
Peaches—Canned	30 oz. tin	14-28	14-31	14-31	14-30	14-29	14-14	14-00	14-14
Pears—Canned	"	15-06	15-06	15-06	15-06	15-10	14-71	14-50	14-77
Salmon †	1 lb. tin	20-00	20-00	20-00	20-00	20-00	20-00	20-00	20-00
Potatoes	7 lb.	16-30	13-60	13-40	14-43	8-41	8-42	8-42	8-42
Onions—Brown	lb.	4-83	4-25	3-50	4-19	3-40	3-05	2-75	3-07
Soap—Household	"	7-33	7-33	7-33	7-33	7-33	7-33	7-33	7-33
Kerosene	qrt.	6-60	6-60	6-60	6-60	6-57	6-58	6-60	6-58
DAIRY PRODUCE.									
Butter—Choicest	lb.	21-00	21-00	21-00	21-00	21-00	21-00	21-00	21-00
Cheese—Mild (loaf)	"	17-61	17-85	17-85	17-77	17-85	17-45	16-90	17-40
Eggs—Standard, New Laid	doz.	19-25	19-30	21-00	19-85	21-90	21-90	21-90	21-90
Bacon, Rashers	lb.	18-00	18-00	18-00	18-00	19-80	19-90	20-35	20-02
Milk—Condensed, Sweetened (Full Cream)	14 oz. tin	9-50	9-50	9-50	9-50	9-50	9-60	9-90	9-67
Milk—Fresh	qrt.	7-00	8-00	8-00	7-67	8-00	8-00	8-00	8-00
MEAT.									
Beef—Sirloin	lb.	11-80	11-80	11-80	11-80	12-50	12-50	12-60	12-53
Ribs	"	9-90	9-75	9-75	9-80	10-80	10-80	10-90	10-83
Steak, Rump	"	17-50	17-50	17-60	17-53	18-65	18-65	18-65	18-65
" Chuck	"	10-20	10-20	10-30	10-23	11-00	11-00	11-00	11-00
Sausages	"	8-40	8-50	8-50	8-47	8-70	8-70	8-70	8-70
Corned, Silverside	"	9-90	9-90	10-00	9-93	11-10	11-10	11-10	11-10
" Brisket, Rolled	"	7-60	7-60	7-80	7-67	8-85	8-85	8-95	8-88
Mutton—Leg	"	8-90	8-90	9-00	8-93	9-70	9-70	9-70	9-70
" Forequarter	"	5-55	5-50	5-50	5-52	5-95	5-95	6-00	5-97
" Loin	"	8-60	8-60	8-65	8-62	9-70	9-70	9-70	9-70
" Chops, Loin	"	9-70	9-70	9-80	9-73	10-40	10-40	10-40	10-40
" Leg	"	10-00	10-00	10-10	10-03	10-60	10-60	10-60	10-60
Pork—Leg	"	13-70	13-70	13-70	13-70	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
" Loin	"	13-70	13-70	13-70	13-70	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
" Chops	"	14-10	14-10	14-10	14-10	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

* As at the 15th of the month. (a) Sales of fresh Pork prohibited as from 13th September, 1943, by National Security (Meat Industry Control) Regulations. † Prices carried forward as no retail sales during the period.

No. 30.—Retail Price Index Numbers of Food and Groceries—Five Principal Towns.

(Base—Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923-27, = 1,000.)

Town.	1942.				1943.			
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Quarter ended Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Quarter ended Dec.
Metropolitan Area	1,046	1,048	1,050	1,048	1,045	1,044	1,046	1,045
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1,192	1,189	1,188	1,190	1,161	1,164	1,163	1,163
Northam	1,096	1,084	1,080	1,087	1,054	1,053	1,054	1,054
Bunbury	1,041	1,044	1,047	1,044	1,014	1,014	1,017	1,015
Geraldton	1,073	1,042	1,041	1,052	1,088	1,088	1,089	1,088
Weighted Average—5 Towns	1,058	1,059	1,060	1,059	1,054	1,053	1,055	1,054

No. 31.—Retail Price Index Numbers of Food and Groceries—31 Towns.

(Base—Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923-27, = 1,000.)

Note.—Conversion to the 1911 base may be effected by using the multiplier, 1.788.

Town.	1942.				1943.			
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.
Metropolitan Area	992	1,028	1,049	1,048	1,050	1,080	1,062	1,045
Albany	993	1,020	1,030	1,032	1,037	1,061	1,042	1,032
Bridgetown	1,063	1,092	1,099	1,095	1,094	1,104	1,086	1,076
Bunbury	1,008	1,037	1,045	1,044	1,043	1,061	1,036	1,015
Collie	1,035	1,073	1,101	1,103	1,108	1,122	1,109	1,094
Coolgardie	1,191	1,191	1,185	1,183	1,184	1,219	1,197	1,180
Cue	1,173	1,199	1,221	1,226	1,201	1,213	1,182	1,160
Dalwallinu	1,091	1,116	1,137	1,130	1,129	1,145	1,127	1,111
Esperance	1,142	1,157	1,167	1,173	1,174	1,196	1,193	1,174
Geraldton	1,017	1,045	1,059	1,052	1,039	1,087	1,104	1,088
Greenbushes	1,011	1,048	1,069	1,079	1,070	1,073	1,056	1,042
Jardee	1,050	1,081	1,083	1,092	1,078	1,112	1,098	1,087
Jarrabdale	1,030	1,055	1,057	1,066	1,068	1,082	1,072	1,060
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1,150	1,171	1,194	1,190	1,179	1,196	1,178	1,163
Katanning	1,002	1,025	1,039	1,040	1,029	1,043	1,025	1,014
Leonora-Gwalia	1,263	1,287	1,299	1,292	1,290	1,300	1,277	1,265
Manjimup	1,051	1,081	1,091	1,095	1,087	1,110	1,092	1,080
Meekatharra	1,231	1,261	1,279	1,276	1,256	1,264	1,246	1,220
Menzies	1,240	1,275	1,284	1,275	1,275	1,281	1,259	1,231
Merredin	1,049	1,090	1,117	1,104	1,082	1,112	1,096	1,063
Mullewa	1,134	1,161	1,182	1,177	1,177	1,205	1,194	1,168
Narrogin	1,014	1,050	1,058	1,061	1,062	1,085	1,065	1,049
Norseman	1,217	1,240	1,250	1,263	1,244	1,255	1,240	1,230
Northam	1,055	1,084	1,086	1,087	1,071	1,090	1,070	1,054
Northampton	1,027	1,056	1,082	1,091	1,064	1,066	1,054	1,049
Pemberton	1,034	1,051	1,070	1,042	1,045	1,116	1,084	1,068
Ravensthorpe	1,101	1,134	1,143	1,140	1,138	1,142	1,101	1,067
Southern Cross	1,114	1,139	1,137	1,128	1,127	1,149	1,132	1,112
Westonia	1,114	1,139	1,137	1,128	1,127	1,149	1,132	1,112
Wiluna	1,184	1,202	1,207	1,205	1,197	1,210	1,211	1,194
Yarloop	1,279	1,293	1,307	1,301	1,295	1,300	1,280	1,266
	992	1,028	1,057	1,068	1,061	1,090	1,068	1,053

No. 32.—House Rents as at 15th November, 1943—Five Principal Towns.

Average Weekly Rentals of 4 and 5-roomed Houses.

House Type.	Metropolitan Area.	Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.
Wood—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
4 rooms	16 1	20 4	17 8	17 8	18 4
5 rooms	16 10	22 11	20 9	23 0	23 9
Brick—					
4 rooms	20 5	(a)	15 11	18 5	21 3
5 rooms	22 4	(a)	20 7	21 4	24 6
Weighted Average	19 11	21 9	18 10	20 4	22 2

(a) Particulars not available.

No. 33.—Retail Price Index Numbers of "All Items" of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)—Five Principal Towns.

(Base—Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923-27, = 1,000.)

Period.	Western Australia.						Australia.
	Metropolitan Area.	Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.	Weighted Average—Five Towns.	Weighted Average—Six Capital Cities.
Year—1939	901	1,066	915	936	965	915	920
1940	932	1,099	947	962	990	946	957
1941	993	1,165	1,017	1,018	1,055	1,008	1,008
1942	1,061	1,175	1,079	1,065	1,114	1,070	1,091
1943	1,104	1,192	1,111	1,102	1,165	1,112	1,131
Quarters—1942:							
First	1,021	1,167	1,049	1,041	1,086	1,034	1,053
Second	1,054	1,174	1,074	1,057	1,106	1,064	1,081
Third	1,077	1,178	1,089	1,074	1,126	1,085	1,106
Fourth	1,090	1,182	1,103	1,088	1,138	1,097	1,122
Quarters—1943:							
First	1,092	1,178	1,098	1,091	1,138	1,099	1,123
Second	1,115	1,202	1,122	1,112	1,171	1,123	1,143
Third	1,110	1,197	1,117	1,109	1,179	1,118	1,133
Fourth	1,100	1,189	1,107	1,097	1,171	1,108	1,123

XIV.—WAGES.

No. 34—State Basic Wage.

Date of Operation.	Metropolitan Area (a).		South-West Land Division.		Goldfields Areas and other parts of State.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
* 1-7-26 (b) ...	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11
* 1-7-27 (b) ...	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11
* 1-7-28 (b) ...	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11
* 1-7-29 (b) ...	4 7 0	2 7 0	4 7 0	2 7 0	4 5 0 [†]	2 5 11 [†]
* 1-7-30 (b) ...	4 6 0	2 6 5	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11
3-3-31 (b) ...	3 18 0	2 2 2	3 17 0	2 1 8	3 17 0	2 1 8
* 1-7-31 (b) ...	3 18 0	2 2 2	3 17 0	2 1 8	3 17 0	2 1 8
18-8-31 ...	3 18 0	2 2 2	3 16 0	2 1 0	3 17 0	2 1 8
5-11-31 ...	3 13 6	1 19 8	3 14 6	2 0 3	3 17 0	2 1 8
29-2-32 ...	3 12 0	1 18 11	3 14 6	2 0 3	3 17 0	2 1 8
3-5-32 ...	3 12 0	1 18 11	3 13 6	1 19 8	3 17 0	2 1 8
* 1-7-32 ...	3 12 0	1 18 11	3 13 6	1 19 8	3 18 0	2 2 2
2-11-32 ...	3 10 6	1 18 1	3 12 6	1 19 2	3 18 0	2 2 2
28-2-33 ...	3 9 0	1 17 3	3 11 0	1 18 4	3 18 0	2 2 2
16-5-33 ...	3 9 0	1 17 3	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 18 0	2 2 2
* 1-7-33 ...	3 8 0	1 16 9	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 17 6	2 1 10
3-8-33 ...	3 9 3	1 17 5	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 17 6	2 1 10
1-5-34 ...	3 9 3	1 17 5	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 19 3	2 2 10
* 1-7-34 ...	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 10 0	1 17 10	3 19 6	2 2 11
1-8-34 ...	3 11 0	1 18 4	3 11 6	1 18 7	4 2 0	2 4 3
24-5-35 ...	3 11 0	1 18 4	3 11 6	1 18 7	4 4 4	2 5 6
* 1-7-35 ...	3 10 6	1 18 1	3 11 2	1 18 5	4 4 4	2 5 6
4-11-35 ...	3 10 6	1 18 1	3 11 2	1 18 5	4 5 7	2 6 3
* 1-7-36 ...	3 10 6	1 18 1	3 11 9	1 18 9	4 6 0	2 6 5
12-8-36 ...	3 12 0	1 18 11	3 13 0	1 19 5	4 7 0	2 7 0
16-11-36 ...	3 13 9	1 19 10	3 14 8	2 0 4	4 7 0	2 7 0
* 1-7-37 ...	3 13 9	1 19 10	3 14 8	2 0 4	4 7 0	2 7 0
26-7-37 ...	3 14 11	2 0 5	3 15 10	2 0 11	4 7 0	2 7 0
* 1-7-38 ...	4 0 0	2 3 2	4 1 0	2 3 9	4 13 3	2 10 4
29-7-38 ...	4 1 1	2 3 9	4 1 0	2 3 9	4 15 2	2 11 5
2-11-38 ...	4 1 1	2 3 9	4 2 2	2 4 4	4 15 2	2 11 5
24-4-39 ...	4 2 2	2 4 4	4 2 2	2 4 4	4 16 4	2 12 0
* 1-7-39 ...	4 2 2	2 4 4	4 3 1	2 4 10	4 16 4	2 12 0
* 1-7-40 ...	4 2 8	2 4 8	4 3 3	2 4 11	4 16 3	2 12 0
31-7-40 ...	4 5 4	2 6 1	4 5 6	2 6 2	4 18 8	2 13 3
26-10-40 ...	4 5 4	2 6 1	4 6 6	2 6 9	5 0 3	2 14 2
26-2-41 ...	4 6 11	2 6 11	4 7 8	2 7 4	5 2 1	2 15 2
28-4-41 ...	4 8 0	2 7 6	4 9 3	2 8 2	5 3 6	2 15 11
* 1-7-41 ...	4 8 0	2 7 6	4 9 3	2 8 2	5 3 6	2 15 11
28-7-41 ...	4 10 5	2 8 10	4 10 10	2 9 1	5 5 7	2 17 0
* 1-7-42 ...						
8-8-42 (c) ...	4 14 11	2 11 3	4 14 10	2 11 3	5 5 7	2 17 0
Nov., 1942 (d) ...	4 17 9	2 12 9	4 17 1	2 12 5	5 5 7	2 17 0
1-3-43 ...	4 18 9	2 13 4	4 18 1	2 13 0	5 5 7	2 17 0
4-5-43 ...	4 18 9	2 13 4	4 18 1	2 13 0	5 5 7	2 17 0
* 1-7-43 ...	4 19 1	2 13 6	4 18 1	2 13 0	5 5 9	2 17 1
Aug., 1943 (e) ...	5 1 1	2 14 7	5 0 3	2 14 2	5 7 10	2 18 3
19-10-43 ...	5 1 1	2 14 7	5 0 3	2 14 2	5 7 10	2 18 3
28-2-44 ...	4 19 8	2 13 10	4 19 2	2 13 7	5 6 7	2 17 7

* Annual Declaration. † Relates to certain specified Goldfields Districts only. (a) Defined as the area comprised within a radius of 15 miles from G.P.O., Perth. (b) Rates for divisions shown not specifically declared by Court. (See letterpress in June, 1942, issue.) (c) Rates declared in Basic Wage Adjustment and Order No. 1 issued under the authority of National Security (Economic Organisation) Regulations. (d) First pay period in November. (e) First pay period in August.

No. 35.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements, in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st December, 1943.

Rates relate to the Metropolitan Area except where otherwise stated, and are shown to the nearest farthing.

Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
CLASS I.—TREATMENT OF METALLIFEROUS MINE QUARRY PRODUCTS—NON-AND	£ s. d.	CLASS III.—CHEMICALS, DYES, EXPLOSIVES, PAINTS, OILS, GREASE—Oil Handling:	£ s. d.
Cement Pipe Making:	Per week.	Adults	Per hour. 0 3 4
Pipe Maker	5 10 1	Soap and Candle Factories:	Per week.
Stone Crusher	5 13 1	Glycerine Hand	5 11 1
Labourer	5 10 1	Leading Candlemaker	5 10 1
	5 4 1	Boxmaker	5 10 1
Cement Works:		Soap Crutcher	5 8 1
Miller	5 15 0	Storeman Packer	5 7 1
Assistant	5 9 0	Soda Crystal Maker	5 7 1
Burner	6 5 0	Tallow Man, Box-wirer, and Soap Cutter	5 6 1
Dredge Hand	6 1 0	Assistants to Soapmaker and Candle-	5 1 1
	5 6 0	maker	5 1 1
General Hands	5 14 0	All other Adults (Males)	2 19 1
Fibrous Plaster, Plaster, and Cement		Wrappers and Packers (Adult Females)	
Goods:		Superphosphate Works:	
Bench Hand	6 11 7	Phosphate Rock Section	5 5 7
Fixer	6 11 9		to
Sheet Fibre Casters	5 11 1	Sulphur Section	5 14 7
Reinforced Concrete and/or Pressed			to
Cement Worker	5 11 1	Superphosphate Section	6 0 7
Limeworks:			5 5 7
Cutters, Loaders, Kiln Hands, and			to
Quarrymen	5 10 1	Sulphuric Acid Chamber Section	5 8 7
Horse Drivers	5 10 7		to
	5 15 7	Acid and Chemical Manufacturing Plant	5 14 7
Motor Drivers	5 15 7	Section	5 5 7
	6 3 7	Mixed Manures Plant Section	5 14 7
Day-firers, Powder Monkey, Lime			5 5 7
Baggers, and Crushers	5 16 1	General Section	to
Kiln Repairers	5 19 1		5 17 7
Night Firer	Per shift. 1 5 8½	CLASS IV.—INDUSTRIAL METALS, MACHINES, IMPLEMENTS AND CONVEYANCES—	
CLASS II.—BRICKS, POTTERY, GLASS, ETC.—		State Engineering Works, Leighton:	
Brickworks (Hoffman Kilns):	Per week.	Boiler-maker	(a)6 17 1
Burner	6 2 1	Pattern-makers	(b)7 5 1
Clayhole Hands	5 8 7	Blacksmiths	(a)6 18 1
	to	Carpenters	6 10 7
Machine Driver	5 14 7	Fitters, Turners,	(a)6 17 1
	5 8 7	Plumbers	6 10 7
Taker-off and Assistant, Setter (Single			(a)6 2 1
Machine)	5 11 7	Moulders	to
Taker-off and Tucker (Double Machine)			(a)6 17 1
Setter	5 8 7	Painters	6 9 7
Moulder and Presser (Fancy Bricks)	5 16 7	Labourers	5 1 1
Brickworks (Wire-cut):		Agricultural Implement Making:	
Clayhole Hand	5 8 7	Assemblers	5 8 7
Off Bearers	5 14 7		to
Scintlers	5 13 7	Agricultural Implement and/or	5 12 1
Burners	5 8 7	Comb Fitters	5 16 1
	to		to
Setters	5 14 7	Beater Testers	5 19 1
Mill-feeder	5 16 7		to
Wheeler-out	5 8 7	Experts	5 19 1
Wheeler or Crowder-in	5 11 7	Coachbuilding, etc.:	5 16 1
Glass:		Coachsmith, General Smith, Farrier,	
Glass Beveling and Silvering	6 2 1	Wheelwright Smith, Spring Maker	
Leadlight Glazing	6 5 1	and/or Fitters on Road Vehicles,	
Pottery and Porcelain Employees:		Bodymaker, Panel Beater	6 11 1
Burner, Moulder, Flanger	5 15 1		5 10 7
Trap Makers	5 13 1	Welders	to
Junction Sticker	5 7 1		6 11 1
Others	5 1 1	Wheelwright, Wheelmaker, Painter,	
	5 7 1	Spray Painter, Trimmer, Grainer, Seat	
Setters	to	maker, Signwriter	6 8 1
	5 15 1	Machinists (all kinds)	6 5 1
		Sectional Trimmer	5 19 1
		Floorman, Metal Panel Fixer	5 16 1
		Assembler, Vyceman	5 12 1
		Storeman	5 11 1
			5 1 1
		All others	to
			5 10 1
		Engineering Foundries, etc.	
		Blacksmith, Coppersmith, Fitter, Turner,	
		Planer, Slotter, etc.	(a)6 17 1
		Pattern-maker	(a)7 5 1

(a) Includes Wartime Loading of 6s. 0d.

(b) Includes Wartime Loading of 5s. 0d.

No. 35.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements, in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st December, 1943—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
CLASS IV.—INDUSTRIAL METALS, MACHINES, IMPLEMENTS AND CONVEYANCES—continued.	£ s. d.	CLASS VI.—TEXTILES AND TEXTILE GOODS (NOT DRESS)—	£ s. d.
Engineering Foundries, etc.— <i>continued.</i>	Per week.	Bag, Sack and Textile Workers:	Per week.
Furnace-man	(d) 5 19 1	Floor Hands (Female)	2 14 7
Tradesman's Assistant	to	Machinist and Hand Cutters (Females)	2 16 7
Boiler-maker	(b) 6 14 1	Factory Hands (Males)	5 11 1
Moulder	(d) 5 13 1	Knitting:	
Electrical Fitter and/or Armature Winder	(b) 6 17 1	Males—	
Electrical Wireman	(d) 6 2 1	Operator Mechanic	5 10 1
Engineering (Goldfields): (Excluding Mining)	to	Others	5 3 7
Motor Mechanic	(a) 6 17 1	Females	2 18 8
Coppersmith, Blacksmith, Fitter, Turner and Planer	(a) 6 17 1		
Pattern-maker	(e) 6 8 1	CLASS VII.—SKINS AND LEATHER (NOT CLOTHING OR FOOTWEAR)—	
Engineering (Railways):	Per day.	Rope and Cordage:	
Foreman	1 7 10	Rope-maker	5 16 1
Fitter-in-Charge, Running Shed	1 7 8	Assistant	5 6 1
Fitter-in-Charge, Power House	1 0 7	Factory Hands	5 1 1
Pattern-maker	1 5 6	Female	2 14 7
Blacksmith	1 4 0	Saddlery and Leather Working:	
Coppersmith, Fitter, Brass-finisher, Turner	1 3 10	Journeyman	6 3 1
Furnaceman	1 1 1	Females	3 3 1
Slotter, Planer, Shaper, Borer, etc.	to	Tanneries (Federal Award):	
Boiler-maker	1 3 3	Bark Bagger	5 14 0
Moulder	1 3 6	Currier	6 12 0
Engineering (Sawmills)—South-West Land Division (a):	1 3 10	Flesher (Hand)	6 4 0
Leading Hand	1 3 10	Lime Jobber	5 15 0
Pattern-maker	to	Machinist (Splitting)	6 10 0
Oxy-acetylene Operator	1 6 7	Operator of Other Machines	6 8 0
Fitter, Turner, etc.	1 3 10	Roller, Striker and Setter-out	5 17 6
Driller	1 6 7	Shedman who applies Dressing to Leather	5 13 0
Electrical Wireman	1 3 10	Unhairer, Scudder, etc.	5 17 0
Tradesman's Assistant	to	Tannery Hand (Unskilled)	5 8 0
	1 6 7	Table Hands	5 17 0
	Per week.		to
Leading Hand	7 5 3	Wool-scouring:	5 17 6
Pattern-maker	6 19 3	Wool-scourer (in Charge of Machine)	6 0 1
Oxy-acetylene Operator	6 14 3	All other Adults	5 14 1
Fitter, Turner, etc.	6 10 3		
Driller	5 16 11	CLASS VIII.—CLOTHING—	
Electrical Wireman	6 3 7	Boots and Shoes:	
Tradesman's Assistant	5 10 3	Journeyman	5 17 1
Engineering (Others)—South-West Land Division (a):		Journeywomen	3 2 3
Fitter, Turner, Motor Mechanic, Electrical Fitter	6 10 3	Per hour.	0 2 10½
Tradesman's Assistant	5 9 3	Repairer	
General Labourer	5 0 3	Dressmaking (Order):	Per week
Plumbing:		Skirt Hand	2 19 4
Plumber (Government)	6 10 7	Coat, Bodice, etc., Hand	3 1 4
Plumber (Other)	Per hour.	Dyeing and Cleaning:	
Sheet Metal Working:	0 3 2½	Males:	
Bench Hands (First Class)	Per week.	Pressers	5 16 1
Stock Hands	6 9 1	Cleaners and Repairers	5 12 1
Canister-makers	6 1 1	Others	5 1 1
Gas Meter-makers	5 6 1	Females:	
Stove and Range Fitters and Assemblers	to	Pressers	3 9 1
Shipbuilding, etc.	5 13 1	Others	2 14 7
Shore Shipwrights (Permanent Employees)	6 2 1	Millinery:	
Shipwrights and Boat Builders (Government)	6 0 7	Milliner	2 17 4
Wire-working:		Ready-made Clothing (Men's and Boys' Outer):	
Galvaniser	(b) 6 16 0	Foreman	6 13 1
Hand and Power Loom Weaver	Per hour.	Cutter	6 1 1
Barbed Wire-maker	(c) 0 3 9½	Trimmer	6 0 1
Annealer		Presser	5 13 1
Labourer	to		to
	5 1 1	Coat Hand (Female)	6 0 1
		Brusher and Folder (Female)	3 0 4
			2 17 4
		Machinist (Female)	2 18 10
			to
			3 0 4
		Shirt-making:	
		Cutter (Male)	5 18 1
		Cutter (Female)	3 5 4
		Machinist, Ironer, Starcher	2 17 4
		Stock Costumes:	
		Dressmaking (Ready-made):	
		Stock Cutter (Male)	5 18 1
		Stock Cutter (Female)	3 5 4
		Skirt Hand	2 18 8
		Coat, Bodice, etc., Hand	2 18 8
		Machinist	2 18 8

CLASS V.—PRECIOUS METALS, JEWELLERY, PLATE—

Jewellers and Allied Trades:

Watch-makers and Clock-makers	6 6 1
Jewellers	6 5 1
Enamellers and Metal Badge-makers	6 1 1
Females (Adult)	3 7 2

(a) Outside 25-mile radius from G.P.O.
wartime loading of 1½d. per hour.
loading of 4/- per week.

(b) Includes wartime loading of 6/- per week.
(d) Includes wartime loading of 3/- per week.

(c) Includes
(e) Includes wartime

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Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
CLASS VIII.—CLOTHING—continued.		CLASS IX.—FOOD, DRINK, AND TO-BACCO—continued.	
Tailoring (Males):	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cutters	Per week.		Per week.
Foreman	7 1 1	Flour Mills (Federal Award):	
Trimmers, Fitters, Tailors' Machinists, and Pressers	6 11 1	Foreman Miller	7 2 0
All Others	5 1 1	Shift Millers or Roller men	6 11 6
Tailoring (Females):		Fitters and Millwrights	7 2 0
Cutters	7 1 1	General Repairers	6 18 6
Trimmers, Fitters, Pressers	6 0 1	Wheat Samplers	6 12 6
Body and Dress-coat Hands	6 0 1	to	6 0 6
All other Coat Hands	3 13 4	Smuttermen and Topmen	6 4 6
Trouser Hands	3 6 1	Packermen	6 2 6
Vest and Skirt Hands	3 3 7	Storehand	6 1 6
Machinists	3 13 4	Engine-drivers	5 17 6
Waterproof Garments:		to	6 6 6
Males:		Firemen	6 9 6
Dippers and Proofers	5 18 1	Other Adults	5 17 6
Cutters	5 18 1	Fruit and Produce Markets:	
Females:		Head Storeman	5 19 7
Makers	3 8 8	Weekly Workers	5 17 7
Machinists	2 18 10	Ham and Bacon Curing:	
Others	to	Leading Man	6 9 1
Whitework (Females):		Scalders	6 2 1
Corset Maker	3 2 4	Assistants in Cellar	5 19 7
Cutter	3 5 4	Pork Labourers, Shavers, etc.	5 15 7
Washer, Starcher, Ironer and Machinist	2 17 4	Yardmen	5 13 1
CLASS IX.—FOOD, DRINK, AND TO-BACCO		Ice-Works:	
Aerated Waters and Cordial Factories:		Engine Driver	6 4 1
Horse and Motor Driver	5 13 1	Fireman	5 7 1
Bottler in Charge of Generator	5 13 7	Milk Processing:	
Bottler	5 6 1	Tester and Grader	6 2 1
Wirer or Packer	5 6 1	Pasteuriser	5 10 7
Corker	5 3 7	Man in Charge Bottling Machine	5 10 7
Others	5 1 1	All other Adults	5 1 1
Baking:		Pastry Cooking:	
Foreman-in-charge of 4 or more workers	6 15 1	Pastry-cook (Single hand)	6 10 1
Foreman-in-charge of less than 4 workers	6 12 7	Pastry-cook	6 5 1
Single Hand Baker	6 10 1	Casual	Per hour.
Doughmaker	6 5 1	Sugar Refinery:	Per week.
Baker doing Oven work	6 5 1	Raw Sugar:	
Board Hand	Per hour.	Leading hand	5 15 7
Jobber	0 3 5½	Unstacking, cutting-in	5 10 7
Bread-carter	Per week.	Melting House:	
Bread-carter (in charge motor vehicle)	5 11 7	Washing fugalas	5 9 1
Biscuits and Cakes:		Pan Floor:	
Biscuit-makers	6 1 1	Refined fugalas	5 16 1
Machine-hands	6 1 1	Boil-out fugalas	5 7 7
Employees in charge Cake-mixing	6 1 1	Refined Sugar:	
Weighers, Mixers, Blenders	5 11 1	Leading hand (Store Room)	5 13 7
Female Employees (Adults)	2 16 4	Stackers and Truckers (Store Room)	5 6 1
Breweries (including Bottling):		Drier and Grader	5 9 1
Motor Lorry Driver	6 10 8	Packages:	
Cylinder Men	6 5 8	Leading hand	5 12 1
Leading Hands,	6 10 8	Men Washing and Drying	5 3 1
Topmen, Cask Pitchers,	6 3 8	Cleaner Attendants	5 6 1
Bottle-washers, Cask-washers, Packers, Sorters, Corkers, Wires, Labourers, etc.	6 0 8	Unspecified Workers	5 3 1
Engine-Driver	6 18 8	CLASS X.—WOOD - WORKING AND BASKETWARE—	
Firemen	6 3 8	Box and Case-making:	
Coopers	7 9 8	Sawyer	5 11 1
Chaffcutting and Carting (a):		Machinist	5 8 7
Cook	5 12 9	Case-maker	5 8 7
Bag-sewer	5 15 3	Labourer	5 1 1
Engine-drivers	6 12 9	Joinery:	
Teamster	7 16 9	Carpenter (Government)	6 10 7
Bale Lumpers	5 15 3	to	Per hour.
Others	5 5 3	Carpenter (Other)	0 2 11½
(From these rates £1 15s. 5d. is deducted per week for keep.)		to	0 3 2½
Cigar, Cigarette and Tobacco Making:		Timber Workers (Sawmills)	Per week.
Males (Adult)	5 4 1	Blacksmith (Bush), or Farrier	6 2 9
Females (Adult)	2 16 8	Carpenter (Bush)	5 18 3
		Carpenters and Joiners	6 8 9
		to	5 0 3
		Dockerman	5 12 3
		Engine-drivers:	
		Locomotive	6 1 9
		to	6 7 9
		Stationary	5 10 3
		to	5 12 9

(a) Excluding area within 14-mile radius from G.P.O.

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Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
CLASS X.—WOOD-WORKING AND BASKETWARE—continued.	£ s d.	CLASS XII.—PAPER, STATIONERY PRINTING, BOOK-BINDING, ETC.—continued.	£ s d.
Timber Workers (Sawmills)— <i>contd.</i>	Per week.	Printing (Jobbing)—Federal Award :	Per week.
Faller	6 0 9	Machine Compositor	6 16 0
Fireman :		Proof Reader and Reviser	6 10 0
Locomotive	5 10 3	Hand Compositor, Slugger, Bulk Hand,	
Stationary	5 7 9	Stone Hand, Electrotypist, Stereotype, Letterpress Machinist, Rotary Machinist, Hand Indexer, Book-binder, Marbler, Blocker, Finisher, Paper Ruler, Guillotine Machine Operator, Man in Charge Envelope-making Machine	6 7 0
Horse-driver	5 12 3		
Labourer	5 9 9	Rotary Machinist's Assistant	5 14 6
Puller-out	5 12 9	Stone or Plate Preparer	5 6 0
Saw-doctor	5 0 3	Ink Grinder or Varnisher	5 4 0
Machinist	5 0 3	Envelope Angle Cutter	5 18 6
Motor Lorry Driver	5 10 3	Envelope Cutter or Die Cutter, Tag Machinist, Cutter of Playing Cards, Surface Coater	5 9 0
Sawyer	6 15 3	Calenderer, Water-proofer	5 6 0
Spotters	5 12 9	Brusher, Plate Roller	5 6 0
Swampers	6 4 9	Storeman, Packer, or Despatcher	5 6 0
Stacker	5 14 9		
Tractor Driver (Log Hauling)	6 2 9	Printing (Jobbing)—State Award :	
Timber yards :		Machine Operator (Linotype or Monotype)	7 13 1
Buzzer	5 6 1	Hand Compositor, Stereotyper, Book-binder and Finisher, Paper Ruler, Calico Bag Printer, Lithographer, Letterpress Machinist, Paper Bag Machinist, Envelope Cutter and Guillotine Cutter	6 11 1
Motor Lorry Driver	6 1 7	Females—Adult	3 1 10
Wood-turner	5 15 7		
Moulding Machinist	6 3 7	Printing (Newspaper) :	
Sawyer	6 4 1	Linotype Operators :	
Shaper	5 6 7	Night	9 4 8
Tenoner	6 1 7	Day	8 11 11
Jointer	5 16 1	Linotype Mechanics :	
Undertaking :		Night	8 2 7
Coffin-maker	6 5 1	Day	7 9 10
Trimmer	6 5 7	Flat-bed Machinists :	
Groom	5 6 1	Night	8 6 10
	6 1 1	Day	7 14 1
	5 5 1	General Hands :	
	5 17 1	Night	7 9 10
		Day	6 17 1
CLASS XI.—FURNITURE, BEDDING, ETC.—		CLASS XVI.—HEAT, LIGHT AND POWER—	
Cabinet-maker, Wood-carver, Wood-turner, Leadlighter, Shaper and Upholsterer	6 5 1	Electric Light Works :	Per day.
French-polisher, Glass-beveller, Wire Mattress-maker and Wicker-worker	6 2 1	Turbine-driver	1 3 10
Mattress-maker	5 19 1	Auxiliary Plant Attendant	1 2 6
Picture Frame-maker	5 16 1	Fireman	1 1 1
Labourer	5 1 1	Greaser	1 0 9
	5 4 1	Boiler-cleaner	1 0 7
		Engine or Plant Cleaner	1 2 0
CLASS XII.—PAPER, STATIONERY, PRINTING, BOOK-BINDING, ETC.—			0 19 6
Cardboard Box and Carton-making—Federal Award :		Gas Works :	Per week.
Carton Setter	5 18 6	Retort Operator	6 0 10
Guillotine Machine Operator	5 14 6		6 11 0
One-way and Two-way Rotary Cutter and Scorer Machinist	5 9 0	Gas Meter Repairer	6 9 1
Storemen, Packers, and/or Despatcher	5 6 0	Stove Fitter and Repairer	6 0 1
Females (other than those in charge of other workers)	2 14 0	Main-layer or Caulker	5 19 1
	3 5 0	Stove Assemblers	5 13 1
Cardboard Box and Carton-making—State Award :		Men emptying or filling Purifier	5 10 1
Guillotine Cutters, Carton Setters	6 1 7	Men filling Casks, etc., with Tar	5 10 1
Storemen or Packers	5 6 1	Men engaged on Coal, Coke or Tar	5 7 1
Males (Adults)	5 5 1	Labourer	5 1 1
Females (Adults)	2 19 5		
		MISCELLANEOUS—	
		Agricultural and Pastoral Pursuits (Federal Award)—	
		Shearers with machines (not found) :	Per 100.
		Flock Sheep	1 17 0

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Industry and Occupation.	Wages	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.	MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.
Agricultural and Pastoral Pursuits (Federal Award)—continued.		Butchering and Slaughtering—continued.	Per week.
Shearers with machines (not found) <i>contd.</i>		Shop Section—continued.	6 2 1
Rams that have cut first two permanent teeth and for ram stags	Per 100.	Smallgoodsman	to
Stud Ewes (not special)	3 14 0	First Shopman	6 6 1
	2 6 0		6 6 1
Special Studs (as per agreement)	Per day.	Beef Carter's Section:	
	1 0 4	Horse and Cart	5 11 1
Shed Hands (not found)	Per week	Motors, 30cwt.	5 16 1
Shearing Cooks (found)	7 5 9	Motors, over 30cwt.	6 1 1
Station Hands (not found)	6 1 3		
	4 6 0	Abattoirs Section:	
Attendance and Service:		Labourers	5 6 1
Barman, Barmaid (without Board and Lodging)	6 5 1	Slaughterman's Labourer	5 11 1
Clubs (without Board and Lodging):		Beef Lumpers and Tallowman	5 11 1
Cooks (Male)	5 7 1	Slaughterman	6 8 7
	to		
Cooks (Female)	6 10 1	Export Slaughtermen for Slaughtering and Dressing:	Per 100.
	4 1 7	Woolly Sheep	(Solo System)
	to	Sheep or Lambs	2 19 9
Barman	4 2 7	Rams and Ram Stags	2 3 6
Waiter	5 14 1		4 7 0
Kitchenman, Pantryman, Steward	5 6 1		Per day.
Waitress and other Female Workers	5 2 1		1 0 2½
	3 12 10	Attendants on Slaughterman	to
Coffee Palaces (without Board and Lodging):			1 1 2½
Cooks (Male)	5 3 3	Carters and Drivers:	Per week.
	to	Horse Driver (1 horse)	5 10 7
Cooks (Female)	6 5 5	Horse Driver (2 to 5 horses)	5 15 7
	3 16 3		to
	to	Horse Driver (over 5 horses), 6d. per day extra per horse.	5 18 7
Waiter	4 16 6	Stableman	5 9 7
Night Porter	5 2 3		
Hall Porter	5 3 3	Motor Wagon Driver (a)	
Waitress and other Female Workers	5 1 1	25cwt. or less	5 15 7
	3 7 10	26cwt. to 3 tons	5 19 7
Hotels (without Board and Lodging)			6 3 7
Cooks (Male)	5 3 3	Over 3 tons	to
	to		6 8 7
Cooks (Female)	6 5 5	Loaders, Yardmen, Horse and Motor Drivers' Assistants	5 8 7
	3 16 3		
Waiter	4 16 6	Passenger Carrying: (a)	6 1 1
Night Porter	5 2 3	Omnibus Drivers	to
Hall Porter	5 3 3		6 3 7
Waitress and other Female Workers	5 1 1	Taxi-car Drivers	5 12 7
	3 7 10	Washers	5 7 1
Restaurants (without Board):		Fare Collectors (Female)	3 0 7
Cooks (Male)	5 1 1		
	to	Cometery Employees:	
Cooks (Female)	6 1 4	Grave Digger	5 16 1
	3 4 5	Gardener's Labourer	5 13 1
	to	Labourer	5 7 1
Waiter	4 4 7		
Other Male Workers	5 1 1	Cleaning etc.:	
Counter Hand (Female)	5 1 1	Caretaker (Male)	6 10 6
Waitress	3 3 5		to
Other Female Workers	2 19 1	Cleaner (Male)	5 7 11
	2 17 2		5 14 2
Boarding and/or Lodging Houses and Service Flats (without Board and Lodging):		Cleaner (Female)	3 5 3
Cook (Male)	6 1 1		to
Yardman	5 1 1	Lift Attendant (Male)	3 6 3
	3 9 7		5 4 9
Cook (Female)	3 19 7	Window Cleaner (Male)	5 11 5
	2 17 1		5 15 4
Waitress	3 0 1		
Housemaid, Pantrymaid	2 17 1	Clerical:	
		Wholesale Houses:	
Building Contractors:	Per hour.	Clerk (Senior)	6 11 1
Bricklayer	0 3 2½		5 10 11
Plasterer	0 3 2½	Clerk (Male)	to
Stonemason	0 3 2½		6 0 5
	0 2 6	Clerk (Female)	3 10 10
Labourer	to		
	0 2 9½	Retail Houses:	5 8 10
Butchering and Slaughtering:	Per week.	Clerk (Male)	to
Shop Section:	5 6 1		6 0 5
Order Cart Hand	to	Clerk (Female)	3 10 10
	6 2 1		
General Butcher	6 2 1	Diving (Marine), and Tending:	Per day.
Cutting Cart Hand	6 2 1	Divers (when Diving)	1 15 0
		Divers (when not Diving)	Per week.
			5 19 1
		Tenders (when Tending)	Per day.
			1 2 10
		Tenders (when not Tending)	Per week.
			5 10 1

(a) Drivers of vehicles fitted with Gas Producer Units receive 1s. per day extra.

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MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.	MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.
Dock, River and Harbour Works:	Per week.	Hospital Employees (Coastal) (a)—contd.	Per week.
Pile Driving:		Kitchen Staff—continued.	
Man in Charge	5 19 1	General Staff (Females)	3 5 4
Others	5 7 1	Kitchenman	5 4 1
	5 10 1		
Case Driving:		Hospital Employees (Private Hospitals) (b):	
Leading Hand	5 13 1	Males:	
Assistants	5 7 1	Orderly	5 1 1
Drilling and Blasting Plant:		Kitchenman, Yardman, Handyman	5 1 1
Leading Hand	6 5 1	Washhouseman	5 1 1
Others	5 4 1	Cook	5 8 1
	5 10 1	Females:	
Quarry Worker	5 7 1	Kitchenmaid, Housemaid, Waitress	2 17 1
	5 16 1	Unclassified Worker	2 17 1
Miscellaneous:		Cook	3 7 1
Ganger	5 19 1		2 19 7
	5 5 7	Unregistered Nurses	to
Survey Hands	5 10 1		3 2 1
		Registered Nurses (see Nurses' Award, page 24).	
Concrete Pile-driving Plant:			
Man in Charge	6 5 1	Laundry Employees:	Per week.
Topman	5 16 1	Washhouse-man	5 11 1
Machine Man	5 13 1	Washhouse-woman	3 13 4
Concrete Pile Construction:		Ironers, etc.	3 6 7
Fitter's Assistant	5 10 1		
Men employed hand-ramming hot bituminous macadam	6 0 1		
	5 1 1	Mining (Coal): (e)	Per shift.
Various Classes of Employees	6 5 1	Miners	1 3 6½
			to
Dredge Employees:		Pumpman	1 5 4½
Ladderman	6 0 1	Shiftman	1 2 6½
Quartermaster, Deckhands	5 11 10	Wheeler (Hand)	1 3 11½
Winchman (Leading)	5 17 1	Wheeler (Horse)	1 2 10½
Winchman (Other)	5 14 1	Filler	1 1 10½
Greaser	6 0 1		1 1 11½
Fireman	5 14 1	Tipplers, Gantry and Screenman, Winchman, Underground Worker	1 1 10½
		Surface Worker (Labourer)	1 0 9½
Engine driving:			
Government (excluding Railways):		Mining (Gold): (e)	
Loco. Driver (Harbour Works)	6 5 1	General:	1 2 9½
Pile Driver	6 2 1	Rock-drill men	to
	6 8 1		1 3 11½
Stationary Steam (2nd Class Certificate)	6 2 1		1 1 11½
Stationary Steam (3rd Class Certificate)	5 13 1	Hand Miners	to
Producer Gas Engine	5 19 1		1 3 1½
Steam Crane Drivers:		Shaft-timber Men	1 3 11½
25 tons and over	5 19 1	Mullockers, Truckers, Shovellers	1 1 1½
Under 25 tons	5 13 1	General Labourers (Surface)	1 0 7½
Main Roads Board:			1 0 7½
Steam Roller Drivers	6 16 1	Others	to
Internal Combustion Roller Drivers:			1 4 4½
10 tons and over	6 16 1	Engineering:	Per week.
Under 10 tons	6 11 1	Driller, Screwer, Motor Attendant	6 17 10
Motor Graders	6 11 1	Electrical Wireman, Lineman	7 6 10
		Pipe Fitter	7 0 10
Hairdressing:		Coppersmith, Blacksmith	7 14 10
Hairdresser (Male)	6 1 1	Fitter, Turner	7 13 10
Hairdresser (Female)	3 16 2	Pattern-maker	8 2 10
		Oxy-acetylene and Electric Welder	7 16 10
Hospital Employees (Coastal) (a):			
Head Orderly	5 12 1	Engine-driving, etc.:	Per shift.
	6 1 1	Winding Engine-driver (Special Shaft)	1 8 11½
Other Orderlies	5 11 1		1 4 5½
	5 11 1	Winding Engine-driver (Other)	to
Laundry Staff:			1 6 5½
Washhouse-man	5 7 1	Winch-driver	1 3 5½
Washhouse-woman	3 17 9		to
Ironers	3 11 9	Loco. Engine-driver	1 3 11½
Other Females (Adults)	3 6 3		1 4 5½
		Stationary Steam Engine-drivers	1 2 11½
Kitchen Staff:			to
Cooks (Female)	3 19 9	Fireman, Leading	1 4 1½
	4 5 9	Fireman, Steam and Producer	1 2 7½
Kitchenmaid, Scullerymaid	3 5 4	Greasers, Cleaners	1 1 7½
		Trimmers	1 1 1½
		Boiler Cleaners	1 3 1½
		Motor Service Station Attendants:	Per week.
		Metropolitan	5 1 1
		South-West Land Division	5 0 3
		Kalgoorlie (d)	5 7 10
		Municipal Employees (Perth):	
		Sanitary Employees:	
		Rubbish Tipmen	5 7 1
		Dust and Rubbish Carters	5 10 1

(a) Government and Public Hospitals.—If Board and Lodging provided £1 8s. 4½d. per week to be deducted.

(b) If Board provided £1 0s. 2½d. for males and 19s. 8½d. for females to be deducted. If Lodging provided 8s. 11½d. for males and 8s. 8½d. for females to be deducted.

(c) Rates include Industry Allowance of 2s. 8d. per shift.

(d) Within 25-mile radius from the Kalgoorlie Town Hall.

(e) Includes Wartime loading of 1s. 1d. per shift.

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MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.	MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.
Municipal Employees (Perth)—continued.		Railways (Government)—contd.	
Sanitary Employees—continued.			Per day.
Sanitary Pan Removers, Washers,	Per week.	Cleaner	0 19 6
Stage-hands, Trenchman	6 2 1	Guard	1 1 8
Attendants (Latrines)	5 4 1	Porter	to
Motor Lorry Driver	6 15 1	Shunter	1 3 3
Horse-drivers	5 9 1	Signalman	0 18 5
Stablemen	to	Shop Assistants :	to
Motor Lorry-drivers	5 14 1	Hardware, Furniture and Carpet Depart-	0 19 9
Sweepers (Adults)	5 13 1	ments or Shops :	1 0 0
Sweepers' Boys	to	Male	to
Drainage Worker	5 17 1	Female	0 18 11
Nurses (Registered) :	5 14 1	Grocery Departments or Shops :	to
Government and Public Hospitals through-	6 4 1	Male	1 2 1
out State : (a)	5 1 1	Female	
Staff Nurses	to	Manchester, Dress and Silk Departments	
Sisters :	5 3 1	or Shops :	
" B " Class	3 5 8	Male	Per week.
" A " Class	5 4 1	Female	5 17 10
Matrons, Sub and Assistants	to	Storemen, Despatch Hands and Packers	3 10 5
Matrons (under 40 beds, daily aver-	5 16 1	Canvasser	
age)			
Matrons (40 beds and over, daily			
average)			
Matron (K.E.M.H.)	6 19 7		
Nurses (Registered) :	6 14 6		
Private Hospitals—Nurses	to		
(Subject to deduction for Board 19/3½	9 8 6		
and Lodging 8/6½.)	10 14 8		
Painters and Decorators :	3 16 3		
Glaziers	Per hour.		
Signwriters	0 2 11		
Painters	0 3 2½		
Photographic Employees :	0 3 2½		
Male (Adult)	Per week.		
Female (Adult)	5 1 1		
Quarrymen :	to		
Spallers	5 6 7		
Jumpermen	5 12 7		
Crusher-feeders	5 9 10		
Hammer and Drillmen	5 15 7		
Powder Monkeys	5 9 10		
Radio Workers :	5 18 1		
General Serviceman	6 11 1		
Workshop Serviceman	6 11 1		
Bench Assembler	5 11 1		
Railways (Government) :	Per day.		
Engine drivers	1 3 10		
Firemen	to		
	1 10 0		
	1 0 2		
	to		
	1 2 9		

(a) Rates shown are for Metropolitan Area and are subject to deductions for Board and Lodging—Nurses £1 8s. 5d., Sisters £1 8s. 5d., Assistant Matrons £1 8s. 5d. to £1 13s. 5d., and Matrons £1 8s. 5d. to £2 3s. 5d. per week. Outside that area the difference in basic wage is to be added. There are also District Allowances for certain localities.

XV.—METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS.

(Supplied by the Acting Director of the Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Mr. H. N. Warren.)

WEATHER NOTES.

No. 36.—Notes on the Rainfall and general weather conditions in Western Australia during the Year, 1943.

The rainfall in Western Australia in 1943 may be regarded as fairly satisfactory, as the majority of the State's statistical districts received more than the normal yearly rainfall. These favoured regions included the greater portion of the agricultural districts; the south-eastern division sections between the coast and the vicinity of the Trans-Australian railway line; together with the territory extending from Bullfinch and Davyhurst to Yalgoo; most of the Fortescue, DeGrey and West Kimberley Divisions; the northern half of the West Gascoyne, and the adjoining section of the East Gascoyne Division.

In the various districts as a whole the rainfall surpluses averaged as follows:—

DeGrey	634 points	South-Eastern	124 points
West Kimberley	443 ..	North Coastal	28 ..
Fortescue	276 ..	North Central	406 ..
West Gascoyne	157 ..	South Central	154 ..

At individual stations the principal rainfall totals were:—

Pemberton	4602 points	Cape Leeuwin	3866 points
Denmark	4357 points	Collie	3849 points
Jarrahdale	4134 points	Albany	3806 points
Mundaring	3919 points		

Beyond the south-western divisions the largest total south from the Tropic was 3600 points at Esperance. 3242 points at Derby was the principal rainfall in the Tropics.

Less than the normal year's rainfall was reported from the undermentioned divisions (the amount of the respective rainfall shortages being stated in parentheses):—

North Kimberley	(503 points)	South Coast	(191 points)
East Kimberley	(184 points)	Eucla Division	(74 points)
East Gascoyne	(283 points)	North-Eastern Divi-	
Central Coast	(417 points)	sion	(408 points)

Rainfall was also markedly deficient in the South-Eastern Division section northwards from a line joining Davyhurst, Kalgoorlie, and Bulong, and moderate to substantial shortages were recorded in a considerable portion of the north coastal agricultural division, chiefly between Ajana and Perenjori and in sections including Coorow and Watheroo.

An abnormally dry year was experienced in portions of the Central East Gascoyne, particularly near Peak Hill and Three Rivers, where the year's total rainfall was only 293 points and 329 points respectively. Other unusually low totals were Meekatharra 444 points, Boolardy 465 points, Nannine 468 points, Morgans 471 points and Doyle's Well 495 points.

The year's highest temperature registration was 117 degrees at Marble Bar on 11th January, and at Roebourne on 26th December, and the lowest reading was 23 degrees at Mundiwindi on 22nd July.

In Perth the lowest temperature recorded was 35·6 degrees on 24th July, and the highest reading was 100·7 degrees on 28th December.

Perth mean maximum temperature (73·3 degrees) was 0·1 degrees below normal; and the mean minimum temperature (54·5 degrees) was 0·9 degrees below normal.

Perth's rainfall for the year amounted to 3146 points (328 points below normal) and the total number of hours of sunshine in the city during the year, 2823·8 hours, was nine hours below normal.

The following table shows how the rainfall in the various divisions as a whole compared with the respective normals :—

District.	Mean for 1943.	Average Annual Mean.	Percentage Departure from Average Annual Mean.
	points.	points.	%
North Kimberley	2,161	2,664	—19
East Kimberley	1,782	1,966	— 9
West Kimberley	2,509	2,066	+21
DeGrey	1,895	1,261	+50
Fortescue	1,257	981	+28
West Gascoyne	1,026	869	+18
East Gascoyne	620	903	—31
North Coastal	1,610	1,582	+ 2
Central Coastal	3,035	3,452	—12
South Coastal	3,353	3,544	— 5
North Central	1,778	1,372	+30
South Central	1,854	1,700	+ 9
Eucla	604	678	—11
South-Eastern	1,126	1,002	+12
North-Eastern	572	980	—42

The following is a summary of the principal features of the year's weather, month by month :—

January.—A cyclone moved from Shark Bay (January 29th) to Geraldton, and thence to the Western Bight (January 31st), caused unseasonable rains in the south-western divisions and interrupted telegraphic communications with the East.

Perth (78 points) experienced the wettest January since 1928, and the principal falls elsewhere included 191 points at Miling, 235 points at Ongerup, 226 points at Nyabing, 207 points at Gnowangerup, and 205 points at Badgebup.

Except in the DeGrey (which received about double the normal January rainfall), the remainder of the State experienced a considerable rainfall shortage in January.

February.—Rainfall was above normal fairly generally. Roebourne's total rainfall was 1278 points, and Cue received 392 points in one day. Rain was heavy to very heavy also in the northern and eastern wheatbelt and from Norseman to the coast.

Two tropical cyclones operated, and the second of these caused torrential rain with gales and severe damage in the Carnarvon district on February 27th and 28th, the banana plantations especially suffering severely. The flooding on the Gascoyne River at Carnarvon was phenomenal. At Manbury station 1,315 points were recorded. At Minilya station the barometer fell to 28·85", and the accompanying storm conditions caused considerable damage. The month's temperatures were mostly below normal.

March.—Rainfall was again above normal fairly generally. A tropical storm operated in the North-West, and Derby and Broome recorded rainfall totals of 1,294 points and 1,127 points respectively.

Another severe storm traversed the south-west of the State and caused severe damage near York and Northam.

In Perth on March 15th, the wind reached 64 m.p.h. and the barometer fell to 29·328"—the lowest ever recorded in March.

April.—Rainfall was again mostly above normal but shortages occurred in the Gascoyne, most of the Fortescue and in parts of the Kimberleys.

The wheat-growing season opened satisfactorily with adequate rains.

Pithara experienced a phenomenal windstorm with hail and rain and considerable damage resulted.

May.—Rainfall suddenly weakened and the May rains were below normal in all divisions except the West Gascoyne and parts of the North Central agricultural district, but timely rains occurred in the agricultural areas in the last week.

Temperatures were mostly below normal. Perth's minimum reading of 41·5 degrees on 10th, was the lowest May temperature since 1936.

June.—The agricultural rains were adequate except in northern parts of the North Coastal agricultural district, but were substantially below normal in almost all the pastoral areas except in some coastal sections from Onslow southwards and in the Yalgoo-Boolarly area.

July.—The rainfall was below normal over all divisions as a whole, but was substantial in the agricultural areas and heavy in places, including the Central and South Coasts. The outstanding feature of the month's weather was the prevalence of unusually low temperatures. Widespread and severe frosts occurred south from the Tropic and on July 23rd Mundiwindi recorded the remarkably low temperature of 23·1 degrees.

Falls of snow occurred on the Stirling Ranges on July 13th (light) and July 27th (heavy).

Perth's average minimum temperature (44·7 degrees) was the lowest on record.

August.—Rainfall was deficient in all divisions but the deficits were only small to moderate in the agricultural areas, and most wheat-growing areas southwards from Mollerin recorded a surplus. The rains were very heavy near the Central Coast, and Pinjarra received 707 points.

Between the rainstorm periods frosts were numerous and severe in the southern sections and on August 6th, temperature at Wandering fell to 29 degrees in the screen and to 22 degrees in the open.

Fogs were unusually numerous in the south-western divisions.

September.—The rains were above normal in most agricultural districts except in parts of the North Coast.

Except in sections of the South-Eastern division rainfall in the pastoral areas was deficient and rainless conditions prevailed almost generally from the Gascoyne northwards.

Severe storms occurred in the south-western divisions on 14th and 15th September, and rough to very rough seas prevailed off the coast.

At Kelmscott on 15th September, during a severe electrical storm, a fireball exploded and caused damage to property.

October.—Rainfall was markedly deficient in all divisions.

A minor heat-wave affected the agricultural districts on October 27 and moved to the eastern sub-tropics on October 28th, but otherwise temperatures were mostly below normal.

November.—The rainfall shortage continued in all divisions south from the Tropic and in the East Kimberley Division.

Perth experienced a minor heat-wave from 9th to 12th November inclusive, and the minimum registration, 79·1 degrees on November 10th was the highest November minimum since 1940.

A cool spell occurred early in the month and Donnybrook recorded an unseasonable frost.

December.—The rainfall was again deficient over most of the State but surpluses were recorded from Esperance and Balladonia to Coolgardie and Bulong. Temperatures were seasonable.

No. 37.—Abstract of Meteorological Observations.

A.—OBSERVATIONS AT PERTH (LATITUDE, 31° 57' S. ALTITUDE ABOVE MEAN SEA-LEVEL, 197 FEET.
LONGITUDE, 115° 51' E).

1943.	Barometric Pressure (inches).*			Shade Temperature (°Fahr.).								Evaporation.		Rainfall.			
	Mean, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Highest.	Lowest.	Mean Maximum.	Mean Minimum.	Maximum on any one day.	Minimum on any one day.	Highest previous record since 1897.		Lowest previous record since 1897.		Inches.	Aver. 44 yrs. to end of 1942, Inches.	Total.		Average for 67 years, to end of 1942.	
								Max.	Year.	Min.	Year.			Inches.	Days.	Inches.	Days.
Jan.	29.89	30.19	29.71	82	62	95	54	110	1934	49	1925	9.62	10.33	0.79	3	0.34	3
Feb.	29.85	30.25	29.51	84	62	99	52	112	1933	48	1902	7.94	8.64	0.49	3	0.39	3
Mar.	29.91	30.20	29.33	81	64	91	53	106	1922	46	1903	6.74	7.48	2.20	8	0.84	5
April	30.00	30.26	29.65	74	58	90	50	100	1910	39	1914	3.98	4.72	2.49	12	1.73	7
May	30.10	30.44	29.74	69	51	81	41	90	1907	34	1914	2.86	2.74	2.34	11	5.07	14
June	30.08	30.42	29.57	65	50	76	41	82	1914	35	1920	1.64	1.75	6.10	19	7.09	17
July	30.06	30.49	29.53	62	45	67	36	76	1921	34	1916	1.80	1.71	6.32	21	6.71	18
Aug.	30.09	30.47	29.66	64	46	73	41	82	1914	35	1908	2.03	2.35	5.91	12	5.72	18
Sept.	29.99	30.36	29.52	66	49	77	41	91	1918	39	1900	3.09	3.40	3.59	14	3.39	15
Oct.	30.01	30.26	29.84	70	51	91	44	95	1922	40	1931	5.33	5.34	1.05	10	2.18	12
Nov.	30.03	30.38	29.72	81	57	97	44	105	1913	42	1904	7.90	7.65	0.17	3	0.76	6
Dec.	29.93	30.21	29.61	82	60	101	52	108	1904	48	1910	8.57	9.74	0.01	1	0.55	4
Mean	30.00	....	....	73	55	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ext'me	....	30.49	29.33	....	....	101	36	112	1933	34	{ 1914 1916	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	61.50	65.81	31.46	117	34.69	121

* In addition to other corrections further corrections for standard gravity have been applied.

B.—MEAN ANNUAL RAINFALL IN METEOROLOGICAL LAND DIVISIONS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA DURING 1942, WITH AVERAGES TO END OF 1941.

Land Divisions.	Rainfall during 1942.		Average, previous years.		Period of Observations of Normal.	
	Range.	Mean.	Range.	Average.	Range.	Average.
North Kimberley	Inches. 51.98 to 56.47	Inches. 54.93	Inches. 26.10 to 36.14	Inches. 30.38	Years. 26 to 55	Years. 37
East Kimberley	9.58 " 39.10	25.29	15.32 " 29.13	21.87	26 " 51	41
West Kimberley	19.44 " 51.01	31.07	14.47 " 27.81	21.22	18 " 56	37
De Grey	18.51 " 40.13	29.15	10.78 " 14.51	12.31	27 " 55	44
Fortescue	6.80 " 28.02	18.69	8.70 " 14.39	10.78	29 " 56	43
West Gascoyne	6.19 " 7.83	8.09	7.89 " 12.39	9.10	34 " 59	46
East Gascoyne	9.52 " 19.02	14.52	7.79 " 11.50	8.95	29 " 53	40
South-West—						
North Coastal	10.08 " 22.23	15.68	10.46 " 19.00	15.61	24 " 64	39
Central Coastal	22.67 " 49.01	36.55	21.34 " 54.91	34.72	28 " 66	49
South Coastal	30.45 " 79.10	46.90	20.64 " 59.98	38.52	26 " 66	44
Central North	9.03 " 28.32	14.17	9.16 " 21.38	13.43	28 " 62	37
Central South	13.45 " 35.24	20.39	12.17 " 29.39	17.34	24 " 65	40
North-East	19.74 " 31.96	27.77	7.94 " 9.38	8.74	26 " 43	32
South-East	10.19 " 21.03	17.74	8.17 " 10.67	9.18	37 " 52	43
Eucla	10.95 " 16.95	13.37	6.31 " 10.55	8.65	24 " 63	38

XVI.—PARLIAMENTARY ROLLS.

No. 38.—Legislative Assembly, General Elections, 20th November, 1943.

Electoral Districts.	Net Enrolment at 20th November, 1943.			Electoral Districts.	Net Enrolment at 20th November, 1943.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
Albany	2,282	2,350	4,632	Nedlands	6,036	7,397	13,433
Avon	1,842	1,487	3,329	Nelson	3,291	2,436	5,727
Beverley	2,000	1,590	3,590	Northam	2,396	2,416	4,812
Boulder*	1,778	1,659	3,437	Perth	3,879	4,314	8,193
Brown Hill-Ivanhoe*	2,434	1,607	4,041	Perth, East*	3,311	4,223	7,534
Bunbury	2,692	2,797	5,489	Perth, North	2,760	3,609	6,369
Canning	5,787	7,364	13,151	Perth, West	3,061	4,118	7,179
Claremont	3,264	4,756	8,020	Pilbara	646	166	812
Collie*	2,449	2,113	4,562	Pingelly	2,172	1,500	3,672
Forrest	2,031	1,675	3,706	Roebourne	363	129	492
Fremantle*	4,801	4,474	9,275	Subiaco	3,086	4,620	7,706
Fremantle, North-East*	3,513	4,273	7,786	Sussex	2,191	1,680	3,871
Fremantle, South*	4,201	4,302	8,503	Swan	2,915	3,455	6,370
Gascoyne*	644	305	949	Toodyay	2,165	2,137	4,302
Geraldton	2,074	1,944	4,018	Victoria Park	4,572	4,869	9,441
Greenough	2,725	1,890	4,615	Wagin	2,225	1,719	3,944
Guildford-Midland	3,160	3,655	6,815	Williams-Narrogin	1,659	1,482	3,141
Hannans	1,832	1,612	3,444	Yilgarn-Coolgardie	1,821	852	2,673
Irwin-Moore	2,049	1,280	3,329	York	1,360	1,380	2,740
Kalgoorlie*	2,882	2,351	5,233				
Kanowna*	1,999	1,095	3,094	Total	137,100	137,756	274,856
Katanning	2,858	2,399	5,257				
Kimberley	460	130	590	<i>Electors in Contested Districts</i>	104,127	108,249	212,376
Leederville	4,247	5,667	9,914	<i>Electors in Uncontested Districts</i>	32,973	29,507	62,480
Maylands	3,983	5,183	9,166	<i>Votes Recorded (including 4,548 Informal Votes)</i>	70,766	94,537	(a)183,781
Middle Swan	5,070	5,281	10,351				
Mount Hawthorn	5,576	6,819	12,395				
Mount Magnet	1,562	663	2,225				
Mount Marshall	2,035	1,428	3,463				
Murchison*	2,386	851	3,237				
Murray-Wellington*	2,575	2,254	4,829				

* Uncontested Districts. (a) Includes 18,478 Service Votes not included in previous columns.

No. 39.—Legislative Council, Biennial Elections, 11th May, 1940.

Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.
<i>Number on Roll.</i>				<i>Number on Roll.</i>			
Central	5,307	1,113	6,420	South-West	5,715	1,510	7,225
East	8,256	2,173	10,429	West	6,500	2,766	9,266
Metropolitan	4,017	2,437	6,454				
Metropolitan-Suburban	19,990	9,923	29,913	Total	62,745	23,598	86,343
North	764	144	908				
North-East	3,324	1,201	4,525	<i>Electors in Contested Provinces</i>	59,352	22,708	82,060
South	2,629	746	3,375				
South-East	6,243	1,585	7,828	<i>Votes recorded</i>	24,904	8,013	(a)32,917

(a) Including 350 informal votes.

XVII.—CENSUS OF 30th JUNE, 1933, and 4th April, 1921.

Note.—For details of Population and Dwellings in each Local Government Area, see March issue, 1936, page 36.

No. 40.—Age Groups.

Age last Birthday.	Census.				Increase, 1921-1933.
	4th April, 1921.	30th June, 1933.			
	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
Years					
0—4	34,977	20,530	19,767	40,297	5,320
5—9	37,884	20,781	20,012	40,793	2,909
10—14	34,533	19,935	19,323	39,258	4,725
15—19	29,668	20,389	19,524	39,913	10,245
20—24	25,769	20,873	19,056	39,929	14,160
25—29	24,429	22,261	17,510	39,771	15,342
30—34	24,296	20,345	15,388	35,733	11,437
35—39	22,922	15,293	13,547	28,840	5,918
40—44	22,885	14,113	12,563	26,676	3,791
45—49	21,477	12,823	11,046	23,869	2,392
50—54	18,444	11,895	9,932	21,827	3,383
55—59	18,363	10,370	8,457	18,827	5,464
60—64	8,967	9,275	7,278	16,553	7,586
65—69	5,122	6,830	5,109	11,939	6,817
70—74	2,955	4,188	3,049	7,237	4,282
75—79	1,605	1,901	1,607	3,508	1,903
80—84	684	703	668	1,371	687
85—89	248	206	287	493	245
90—94	38	39	49	88	50
95—99	14	10	9	19	5
100 and over	1	4	1	5	4
Not stated	2,451	1,173	733	1,906	(a) 545
Total	332,732	233,937	204,915	438,852	106,120
Under 21 years	142,801	85,756	82,489	168,245	25,444
21 years and over	187,480	147,008	121,693	268,701	81,221

(a) Decrease.

XVIII.—MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 41.—Building Permits Issued since 1933 by Local Governing Authorities in the Metropolitan Area

(Excludes Commonwealth, State and Local Government Buildings as permits are not issued for such.)

Period.	New Dwellings and Hotels.		New Stores, Ware- houses and other Buildings.		Additions and Alterations.		Total Permits Issued.	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
1933-34	1,064	714,245	115	109,887	966	163,606	2,145	987,738
1934-35	1,243	940,188	175	243,131	1,047	170,788	2,465	1,354,107
1935-36	1,449	1,092,070	183	359,042	1,096	170,018	2,728	1,621,130
1936-37	1,508	1,116,463	174	677,612	1,299	226,438	2,981	2,020,513
1937-38	1,655	1,326,808	163	509,714	1,503	243,563	3,321	2,080,085
1938-39	1,590	1,266,512	143	202,592	1,540	239,541	3,273	1,708,645
1939-40	1,461	1,201,171	108	98,228	1,401	215,362	2,970	1,514,761
1940-41	1,458	1,209,339	34	60,982	1,312	207,445	2,804	1,477,766
1941-42	781	645,950	23	91,038	737	78,661	1,541	815,649
1942-43	33	14,436	21	105,017	487	50,819	541	170,272
1943-44—								
September Quarter	11	5,949	4	1,911	238	44,043	253	51,903
December Quarter	21	10,647	4	9,945	202	21,369	227	41,961
Month—								
October	9	5,400	2	6,245	80	9,531	91	21,176
November	4	1,198	2	3,700	65	9,390	71	14,288
December	8	4,049	...	...	57	2,448	65	6,497

No. 42.—Motor Vehicle Registrations.

A.—NEW VEHICLES.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles.)

Period.	Metropolitan Area.				Entire State.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars.)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939	2,185	571	19	218	3,454	1,712	30	530
1940	1,170	322	11	151	1,918	1,051	18	311
1941	439	162	18	54	623	494	18	126
1942	209	81	12	26	242	159	13	55
1943	70	316	16	55	76	650	20	111
Months—								
January	25	3	1	....	30	5	1	9
February	11	10	....	2	12	13	....	8
March	13	14	....	....	13	16	....	4
April	6	4	1	....	6	6	2	2
May	2	18	1	....	2	20	....	....
June	2	30	4	....	2	31	4	....
July	1	48	6	21	1	96	7	36
August	1	42	....	14	1	87	....	18
September	1	31	....	14	1	65	....	16
October	3	44	2	4	3	85	2	10
November	3	34	....	....	3	104	....	1
December	2	38	1	....	2	122	2	5

B.—MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (Effective Registrations).

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles—see footnote.)

Date. (As at end of Month.)	Metropolitan Area.				Entire State.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars.)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939—December	20,204	5,956	208	3,366	36,058	22,172	272	6,015
1940—December	19,540	5,685	204	3,321	35,324	22,918	283	6,044
1941—December	17,786	5,663	226	2,803	31,734	22,773	295	4,878
1942—December	16,839	5,381	216	2,392	29,069	20,942	269	3,737
1943—								
January	16,852	5,014	208	2,162	28,103	19,173	272	3,453
February	17,146	5,109	208	2,270	29,134	20,159	284	3,704
March	17,170	5,111	208	2,271	29,182	20,196	284	3,709
April	17,182	5,184	210	2,329	29,219	20,383	316	3,812
May	17,326	5,243	211	2,392	29,638	20,738	317	3,912
June	17,336	5,249	211	2,402	29,750	20,869	320	3,935
July	17,215	5,294	227	2,344	28,577	19,512	268	3,564
August	17,426	5,423	227	2,471	29,301	20,687	268	3,833
September	17,446	5,431	227	2,477	29,460	21,028	268	3,903
October	17,559	5,402	231	2,514	29,468	21,091	272	3,985
November	17,697	5,469	231	2,577	29,835	21,572	272	4,114
December	17,710	5,477	231	2,580	29,893	21,717	273	4,137

Note.—Commonwealth-owned vehicles (exclusive of all Defence Service vehicles) registered at 31st December, 1943, comprise—Cars, 67; Wagons, Vans, Utilities, 309; Buses, 2; Motor Cycles, 1.

No. 43.—Output of Electricity.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

Year ended 30th June.	Units Generated.	Units Sold.	Month.	1943-44.	
				Units Generated.	Units Sold.
	k.w.h.	k.w.h.		k.w.h.	k.w.h.
1932	78,878,520	68,167,868	July	15,562,680	12,792,908
1933	85,876,410	74,865,384	August	14,994,430	13,737,850
1934	91,312,390	79,910,615	September	14,406,160	12,288,313
1935	98,266,400	87,416,701	October	14,178,950	12,494,137
1936	107,700,510	95,700,642	November	14,051,640	11,531,894
1937	113,252,780	100,562,012	December	13,939,240	11,839,133
1938	122,474,900	108,590,265	January .....	....	....
1939	136,541,820	117,072,177	February .....	....	....
1940	141,095,650	119,740,591	March .....	....	....
1941	146,538,140	124,048,485	April .....	....	....
1942	152,210,960	129,057,409	May .....	....	....
1943	158,717,030	134,087,182	June .....	....	....

No. 44.—Employment.

A.—Factories. (a)

Index numbers showing the trend in Factory Employment since 1931.

(Base: Mean Employment in 1923-29, viz., 19,799, = 100.)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Mean.
1931	....	....	....	....	....	....	62	60	61	62	63	65	....
1932	60	63	67	68	66	64	66	66	67	71	72	73	67
1933	72	73	73	74	70	70	71	73	74	76	78	80	74
1934	78	79	80	81	80	78	78	80	82	85	86	87	81
1935	87	88	87	88	88	88	(a)94	95	97	99	101	102	93
1936	101	102	104	104	104	103	106	106	106	108	109	111	105
1937	110	110	110	109	109	108	106	108	109	111	112	113	110
1938	111	112	114	113	112	111	110	111	111	112	113	113	112
1939	111	112	112	111	112	110	109	108	109	110	111	112	111
1940	110	111	112	111	111	109	107	107	108	109	110	111	110
1941	109	111	112	111	112	113	113	113	114	115	116	118	113
1942	116	118	118	118	119	118	†118	†119	†120	†121	†123	†123	†119
1943	†128	†129	†130	†131	†133	†134	†134	†132	†133	†135	†134	....	....

(a) It should be noted that there is a break in the continuity of the index-number series between June and July, 1935, owing to the inclusion, from July, 1935, onwards, of certain factories previously not included. This tends to exaggerate the degree of recovery. † Preliminary figures based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

B.—RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Index numbers prepared by the Commonwealth Statistician.

Employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

(Base: July, 1941 = 1000.)

Number of Employees—July, 1941:—Males, 4,746; Females, 4,832; Persons, 9,578.

Month.	1941.			1942.			1943.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January	....	....	....	901	1125	1014	720	1008	865
February	....	....	....	881	1088	986	716	1003	861
March	....	....	....	840	1082	962	703	986	846
April	....	....	....	815	1094	955	694	974	835
May	....	....	....	778	1073	927	695	974	836
June	....	....	....	752	1060	907	694	974	835
July	1000	1000	1000	733	1040	888	685	967	828
August	965	1009	987	728	1034	882	675	951	814
September	961	1026	994	721	1030	877	672	938	*806
October	967	1024	996	718	1027	874	664	936	801
November	961	1070	1016	712	1031	873
December	957	1097	1028	726	1043	886
Annual Mean	775	1061	919

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